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Review of II PU history textbook put on hold

BENGALURU

The review of II Pre-University history textbook has been put on hold for now, as the Rohith Chakrathirtha-led textbook revision committee has been dissolved.

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Girl killed allegedly by father

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

A 17-year-old girl has been strangled to death allegedly by her father at Kaggundi village of Periyapatna taluk. The girl, belonging to Vokkaliga community, was in a relationship with a boy from the Dalit community and her family was opposed to this.

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Govt. reaches out to all OIC members

MEA sends heads of missions memo on dealing with diplomatic fallout

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

In its responses to the diplomatic storm over the comments made by BJP leaders Nupur Sharma and Naveen Kumar, the government took a stern view of the statement by the 57-member Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), but it subsequently made a special effort at ensuring that Indian Ambassadors based in every OIC country were briefed and sent "talking points" to deal with the situation on June 5.

Significantly, the reference to the leaders as "fringe elements" was not in the brief by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), sources said. It had possibly emerged from a telephone conversation and was used "mistakenly" in the press statements issued by the embassies in Doha and Kuwait.

The phrase had caused some consternation, as it appeared to be misleading, given that Ms. Sharma and Mr. Kumar were prominent leaders of the BJP. "The initial press statements wrongly described them as fringe elements," an official said, adding that the intention of the phrase was to convey that the views they had expressed were "views of the fringe, not the government or the party".

The six-point memo was sent to all the heads of mission (HOMs) in OIC countries on Sunday, hours after the Ambassadors in Qatar and Kuwait were summoned.

The missive, cleared by Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra, told them to "monitor the developments and report them promptly" to New Delhi. It also counselled them to draft a statement which made all the points: that the Indian government respects all religions; that the comments denigrating a religious personality did not represent the government or the BJP, that "strong action" had been taken against those making the comments, and that the BJP had issued its own press release reiterating these points.

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Qatar's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Soltan bin Saad Al Muraikhi with Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu in Doha on Tuesday, ahead of his departure to India. • PTI/TWITTER

In Doha, Venkaiah talks of inclusion

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

On the last day of his nine-day international tour that concluded in Qatar, Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu said "inclusion" is the firm foundation underlying the Indian Constitutional architecture and it finds an echo in the philosophy of the Modi government, which believes in *"sabka sath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas"*.

He was addressing the Indian diaspora in Doha on Monday. His speech comes in the backdrop of international outrage over the alleged derogatory remarks on Islam made by BJP leader Nupur Sharma.

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Al Qaeda arm threatens strikes in India

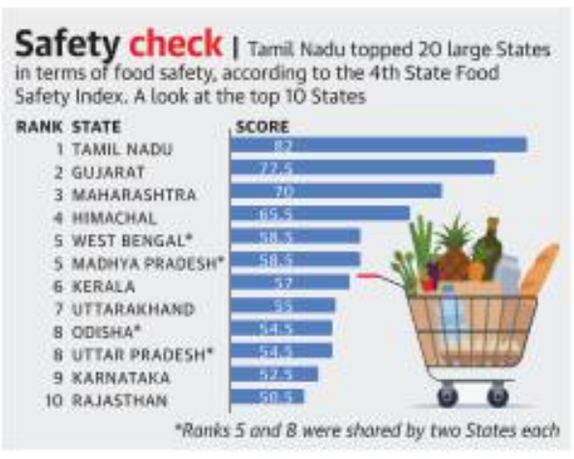
Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) has threatened that it will carry out attacks in India in the backdrop of the controversial statements on the Prophet made by two leaders of the BJP. A statement purportedly issued by the AQIS has called for attacks in Delhi, Mumbai, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. ▸ PAGE 10

Police issue summons to Nupur Sharma

On a day the Delhi police provided security to suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and her family after she complained of death threats, the Maharashtra police issued summons to her to appear before them on June 22 to record her statement on her controversial remarks.

Tamil Nadu tops food safety index

Gujarat, Maharashtra take top slots



SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Tamil Nadu topped the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) this year, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra. Among the smaller States, Goa stood first, followed by Manipur and Sikkim.

Among the Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi and Chandigarh secured the first, second and third ranks.

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated the winners on Tuesday.

The SFSI measures the performance of States on the basis of five parameters set by the Health Ministry. The rating is done by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Speaking on the occasion of World Food Safety Day, Dr. Mandaviya said the States had an important role in ensuring food safety and healthy food practices. "We should come together to build a healthy nation."

Suspected terrorist held in Bengaluru

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU/SRINAGAR

In a joint operation, a Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) special team and Bengaluru police arrested Talib Hussain, an alleged member of terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen, from a residential locality in Okalipuram in Bengaluru on June 3.

Talib Hussain

He was living with his family and working as a labourer in the city. A self-styled commander of the terror outfit, Tailb is wanted in connection with the targeted killing of Hindus in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. A team of Jammu and Kashmir police and 17 Rashtriya Rifles launched a joint operation and nabbed Talib, who was hiding in Bengaluru. According to the J&K police, Talib was a resident of Rashgwari in Kishtwar.

"Hussain joined militant ranks of the Hizb outfit in 2016. He remained active along with other militants of Kishtwar. He was instrumental in reviving militancy by way of recruiting youths in militancy. But later on, due to some squabble with other HM militants, he left the Hizb and remained at large," the police said.

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New rules allow ex-officers to hold CDS post

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

Setting the stage for appointment of the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), the government has amended Service Rules of the Army, Navy and Air Force, allowing retired Service Chiefs and three-star officers eligible for consideration for the country's top military post.

However, with an age limit that the retired officer should not have attained 62 years on the date of appointment, retired Service chiefs are largely ruled out, especially so for the present consideration. "The Central Government may, if considered necessary, in public interest, appoint as CDS, an officer who is serving as Lieutenant General or General or an officer who has retired in the rank of Lieutenant General or General but has not attained the age of 62 on the date of appointment," the amendment in the Service Rules of the Army says in the gazette dated June 6, 2022. Similar amendment was made in the service rules of Navy and Air Force as well.

As the government considers several officers for the post, this amendment makes all three-star rank officers who have retired in the last two years eligible, as Lieutenant Generals in the Army, Vice-Admirals in the Navy and Air Marshals in the Air Force retire at the age of 60.

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YouTuber held in Goa for 'abusing' Bengal CM

Kolkata Police pick up Roddur Roy

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

The Kolkata Police on Tuesday arrested YouTuber Roddur Roy for allegedly making derogatory comments about West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

According to reports, Mr. Roy was arrested from Goa.

A number of complaints were filed against Mr. Roy at several police stations in the city and also at the Kolkata Police's cybercrime cell alleging that he made derogatory remarks against Ms. Banerjee in a video, which was shared on social media following the death of singer KK in Kolkata last week.

In the video, Mr. Roy is heard hurling abuses at the Chief Minister.

Trinamool Congress's Rajya Sabha member Santanu Sen was among those who had filed complaints.

Though popular, Mr. Roy's videos have often had abusive content and obscene language.

Mr. Roy is no stranger to controversy. In the past, there was outrage when he distorted the lyrics of a song by Rabindranath Tagore.

While Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh welcomed the arrest and said that the YouTuber should have been arrested a long ago, BJP leader Anupam Hazra said it was only after Mr. Roy used derogatory language against the Chief Minister that he was arrested.

Pulling power

Friendly fight: Rabha tribal women take part in a tug-of-war with men during the Baikho festival at Chakabaha village in Kamrup district of Assam on Tuesday. • PTI

2 States, 1 panchayat: Kotia can't be better placed

Odisha-A.P. boundary row festers, but residents are not complaining

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
BHUBANESWAR

Rarely does a village in India have two "elected" sarpanches wielding their authority and implementing welfare schemes. However, when Kushe Harka, the 45-year-old woman sarpanch, and Liu Gemel, the 40-year-old male sarpanch, walk through the dusty lanes of Phagunasineri village, they command equal respect, and villagers on their part also get development works implemented under their leadership. While Mr. Gemel represents Odisha, Ms. Harka represents Andhra Pradesh.

At Phagunasineri, tucked away in the forested hilly areas along the Odisha-Andhra Pradesh boundary, Tila Pangi flashes two land *pattas* (record of rights) issued separately by Odisha and Andhra Pradesh under the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

A few houses away, Tulsi Pangi sends her three-year-old son to an anganwadi run by the Odisha government, while her six-year-old elder son would learn Telugu and pursue school education with the ₹15,000 financial support extended by Andhra Pradesh. At the heart of the "dual citizenry", lies an over seven-decade-old boundary dispute between the two States that has peaked in recent times. Both States are busy flooding welfare schemes at mere mention by the tribal people.

Odisha and A.P. have challenged each other's administrative control over the Kotia gram panchayat or Kotia group of villages comprising 21 revenue villages. The Supreme Court has ordered status quo on the issue.

Sukila Tadingi from Kotia panchayat shows his voter IDs issued by A.P. and Odisha.

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China to the rescue

2.3 In billion dollars, the amount Chinese banks have agreed to refinance Pakistan with, in order to to help it bolster its depleting foreign exchange reserves. This comes as a huge relief for the cash-starved country. Pakistan is facing an uncertain economic situation due to a delay in the revival of a stalled multibillion-dollar International Monetary Fund programme. Pakistan is facing growing economic challenges, with high inflation, sliding forex reserves, a widening current account deficit and a depreciating currency. PTI

Grain exports muzzled

2 In million tonnes, the cap amount of grains Ukraine will be able to export if Russia refuses to lift its blockade of the country's Black Sea ports, according to Taras Vysotskyi, Ukraine's first deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food. Ukraine is trying to export its grain to help avert a global food crisis, but the routes face severe constraints. Before Russia invaded Ukraine, the country was able to export up to six million tonnes of grain a month. Since shipments from Ukraine's Black Sea ports stopped, more than 20 million tonnes of grain are stuck. REUTERS

EdTech troubles

69 In percentage, the share of people who opted for online classes offered by edtech platforms and faced issues around infrastructure required for attending sessions, quality of teachers and refund of subscription fees in India, according to a Localcircles survey. The survey was conducted across 323 districts between April 1 and May 31, 2022. 96% of those who had taken coaching classes want the government to make it mandatory for those selling coaching/learning packages to disclose cancellation and refund policies to every customer. PTI

Home loans may surge

600 In $ billion, the value of India's home mortgage market after five years, according to Deepak Parekh, chairman of HDFC Ltd. Mr. Parekh in his annual letter to shareholders expressed his optimism about the home buying market, "...never been as optimistic about the demand for home loans as I am currently. Despite the recent headwinds in the global macro landscape, I continue to maintain this stance," he said. He claimed that in the past 46 years, HDFC has financed over 9.3 million housing units. PTI

Ethnic clashes in Sudan

27 The number of people killed in Sudan's west and south due to ethnic clashes. In separate incidents, clashes broke out in the restive Darfur region in a bitter land dispute, leaving 16 dead, as well as in the South Kordofan state, where 11 people died after an argument escalated into wider gun battles. It is the latest in the several rounds of clashes pitting largely settled farmers against semi-nomadic Arab pastoralist groups. This violence comes as Sudan is still grappling with the fallout from a coup in October last year. AFP

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EXPLAINER

Of what good is a bad bank?

How does the piling up of non-performing assets affect the functioning of a bank? Have bad banks been set up in other countries?

THE GIST

- The Finance Minister on Monday announced that the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) along with the India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL) will take over the first set of bad loans from banks and try to resolve them.
- A bad bank is a financial entity set up to buy non-performing assets, or bad loans, from banks. The aim of setting up a bad bank is to help ease the burden on banks by taking bad loans off their balance sheets and get them to lend again to customers without constraints.
- Many critics have pointed to several problems with the idea of a bad bank. Former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan has been one of the fiercest critics of the idea, arguing that a bad bank by the government will merely shift bad assets from the hands of public sector banks, which are owned by the government, to the hands of a bad bank, which is again owned by the government.

PRASHANTH PERUMAL

The story so far: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday announced that the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) along with the India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL) will take over the first set of bad loans from banks and try to resolve them. While the problem of bad loans has been a perennial one in the Indian banking sector, the decision to set up a bad bank was taken by the Union government during the Budget presented last year in the aftermath of the nationwide lockdowns, and the moratorium was subsequently extended to borrowers by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

It should be noted that the health of the balance sheets of Indian banks has improved significantly over the last few years with their gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio declining from a peak of 11.2% in FY18 to 6.9% in Q2FY22.

What is a 'bad bank'?

A bad bank is a financial entity set up to buy non-performing assets (NPAs), or bad loans, from banks. The aim of setting up a bad bank is to help ease the burden on banks by taking bad loans off their balance sheets and get them to lend again to customers without constraints. After the purchase of a bad loan from a bank, the bad bank may later try to restructure and sell the NPA to investors who might be interested in purchasing it. A bad bank makes a profit in its operations if it manages to sell the loan at a price higher than what it paid to acquire the loan from a commercial bank. However, generating profits is usually not the primary purpose of a bad bank – the objective is to ease the burden on banks, of holding a large pile of stressed assets, and to get them to lend more actively.

What are the pros and cons of setting up a bad bank?

A supposed advantage in setting up a bad bank, it is argued, is that it can help consolidate all bad loans of banks under a single exclusive entity. The idea of a bad bank has been tried out in countries such as the U.S., Germany, Japan and others in the past.

The troubled asset relief program, also known as TARP, implemented by the U.S. Treasury in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, was modelled around the idea of a bad bank. Under the program, the U.S. Treasury bought troubled assets such as mortgage-backed securities from U.S. banks at the peak of the crisis and later resold it when market conditions improved. It is estimated that the Treasury through its operations earned a nominal profit of anything between $11 billion to $30 billion, although some contest these figures.

Many critics, however, have pointed to several problems with the idea of a bad bank to deal with bad loans. Former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan has been one of the fiercest critics of the idea, arguing that a bad bank backed by the government will merely shift bad assets from the hands of public sector banks, which are owned by the government, to the hands of a bad bank, which is again owned by the government. There is little reason to believe that a mere transfer of assets from one pocket of the government to another will lead to a successful resolution of these bad debts when the set of incentives facing these entities is essentially the same.

Other analysts believe that unlike a bad bank set up by the private sector, a bad bank backed by the government is likely to pay too much for stressed assets. While this may be good news for public sector banks, which have been reluctant to incur losses by selling off their bad loans at cheap prices, it is bad news for taxpayers who will once again have to foot the bill for bailing out troubled banks.

Will a 'bad bank' help ease the bad loan crisis?

A key reason behind the bad loan crisis in public sector banks, some critics point out, is the nature of their ownership. Unlike private banks, which are owned by individuals who have strong financial incentives to manage them well, public sector banks are managed by bureaucrats who may often not have the same commitment to ensuring these lenders' profitability. To that extent, bailing out banks through a bad bank does not really address the root problem of the bad loan crisis.

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Further, there is a huge risk of moral hazard. Commercial banks that are bailed out by a bad bank are likely to have little reason to mend their ways. After all, the safety net provided by a bad bank gives these banks more reason to lend recklessly and thus further exacerbate the bad loan crisis.

Will it help revive credit flow in the economy?

Some experts believe that by taking bad loans off the books of troubled banks, a bad bank can help free capital of over ₹5 lakh crore that is locked in by banks as provisions against these bad loans. This, they say, will give banks the freedom to use the freed-up capital to extend more loans to their customers. This gives the impression that banks have unused funds lying in their balance sheets that they could use if only they could get rid of their bad loans. It is, however, important not to mistake banks' reserve requirements for their capital position. This is because what may be stopping banks from lending more aggressively may not be the lack of sufficient reserves which banks need to maintain against their loans.

Instead, it may simply be the precarious capital position that many public sector banks find themselves in at the moment. In fact, many public sector banks may be considered to be technically insolvent, as an accurate recognition of the true scale of their bad loans would show their liabilities to be far exceeding their assets. So, a bad bank, in reality, could help improve bank lending not by shoring up bank reserves but by improving banks' capital buffers. To the extent that a new bad bank set up by the government can improve banks' capital buffers by freeing up capital, it could help banks feel more confident to start lending again.

EXPLAINER

Fissures in the West's anti-Russia alliance

Why are France and Germany aiming for a diplomatic solution to the Russia-Ukraine war?

G. SAMPATH

The story so far: In a significant departure from the position of the trans-Atlantic alliance (EU-NATO-U.S.) on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, French President Emmanuel Macron, in an interview on June 3, said that the West "must not humiliate Russia so that the day when the fighting stops we can build an exit ramp through diplomatic means". Viewed alongside recent phone calls from Mr. Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz to Russian President Vladimir Putin, the statement hints at a pivot toward a diplomatic solution. This is at odds with the West's stance so far – adopted in solidarity with Ukraine – that the only acceptable outcome of the ongoing conflict is a military victory for Ukraine, unconditional withdrawal of all Russian forces from Ukrainian territory, and restoration of Ukraine's pre-2014 territorial boundaries.

How did Ukraine react to Mr. Macron's comments?

Mr. Macron's comments elicited strong rebuke from Ukraine. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba tweeted, "Calls to avoid humiliation of Russia can only humiliate France and every other country that would call for it. Because it is Russia that humiliates itself. We all better focus on how to put Russia in its place. This will bring peace and save lives." Earlier, in May, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky had already gone on record claiming that Mr. Macron wanted Ukraine to compromise its sovereignty so that Russia can "save face" when deciding to cease hostilities. With Russia now in possession of one-fifth of Ukrainian territory, Kyiv wants the West to supply it with more advanced weapons, especially longer-range missiles, so that Ukraine can strengthen its position before contemplating diplomatic possibilities.

French President Emmanuel Macron. • REUTERS

How have other European states responded to these comments?

EU nations which share a border with Russia – the Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, and Poland – reacted sharply to Mr. Macron's comments, indicating a growing divergence of views within EU ranks. Latvia's deputy Prime Minister Artis Pabriks said on Twitter: "It seems that there are number of so-called Western leaders who possess explicit need for self-humiliation in combination with total detachment from political reality." Lithiania's Foreign Minister observed that "Giving the occupier a chance to occupy territory means that it can be repeated elsewhere." The strongest response, however, came from Estonia, which, along with Poland, has been at the forefront of providing military aid to Ukraine. Marko Mihkelson, head of the Estonian Parliament's foreign affairs committee even used the phrase "brain-dead" – once applied by Mr. Macron to describe NATO – to characterise the words and actions (repeated phone calls to Putin) of France and Germany.

Why did Mr. Macron speak about not "humiliating" Russia?

From the beginning of the conflict, the West's response has been to isolate Russia from the rest of the world through a combination of harsh economic sanctions and a 360-degree cultural, political and commercial boycott of Russia, and aggressive military aid to Ukraine with the objective of weakening Russia and forcing it to abandon its military ambitions. But 100 days of the war have gone by, and while an end is nowhere in sight, collateral damage in the EU due to economic sanctions against Russia – rising fuel prices, a sputtering economy, and spiraling cost of living for the average citizen – is beginning to bite, especially in Germany and France, whose dependencies on global trade, supply chains, and commodity imports are high. The possibility of an endless – or long-term – war is making them nervous, vindicating Mr. Putin's calculation that Russia's pain threshold is higher than the West's. Against this background, Mr. Macron seems to believe that an insistence on a military solution – that is, defeat, or "humiliation" of Russia – is an unrealistic goal that would only end up prolonging the war, and attendant pain for Europe, without moving the needle closer to a resolution.

Why have Mr. Macron and Mr. Scholz been in telephonic talks with Mr. Putin?

Historically France has had close links with Russia and Mr. Macron, in particular, has fashioned himself as a mediator between the EU and Russia. He has been in regular talks with Mr. Putin from December 2021, first attempting to pre-empt the conflict, and when that failed, trying to find a quick negotiated settlement. On June 4, both Mr. Macron and Mr. Scholz had long phone calls with the Russian President where they raised the issue of Russia unblocking the export of grains from Ukraine's Black Sea ports. Russia's month-long blockade has triggered fears of widespread shortages and hunger, especially in developing countries. Mr. Putin, according to reports, promised to allow the export of grains provided the ports are "de-mined" and "relevant sanctions" on Russia were lifted. While France and Germany are hopeful of Russia allowing food exports from Ukraine, other EU nations and the U.S. are not keen on lifting any of the sanctions on Russia.

Are cracks beginning to appear in the 'united front' of the anti-Russia western alliance?

It does seem like two blocs with distinct views are beginning to coalesce. On one side are the U.S., the U.K., the Baltic states, and Poland, whose primary objective is to help Ukraine win the war, and failing that, to weaken and isolate Russia. On the other are EU states like France and Germany, and, for slightly different reasons, Hungary, which favour maintaining lines of communication and commercial links with Russia and are not enthusiastic about the policy of isolating the country. While the former bloc speaks only of restoring Ukraine's sovereignty over its territory and view talks with Mr. Putin as "encouraging" the occupier, the latter, especially Mr. Macron, believes that isolating Russia will not yield a sustainable security architecture for Europe, given the long history between the two. While the bloc in favour of arming Ukraine is dominant for now, the camp favouring a diplomatic resolution could gain fresh converts as more EU nations begin to feel the economic pain of a long-drawn war of attrition.

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Citizens furious as same areas get flooded again

Many ask why authorities cannot find a permanent solution

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The monsoon is here and with every bout of rain that lashes the city, parts of the city are under water. What is leaving citizens fuming is that the same spots are re-living the nightmare, for years now, making them question why the authorities concerned cannot find a permanent solution.

For instance, the bustling market hub of B.V.K. Iyengar Road is inundated with every rain, with water gushing into shops causing large-scale financial losses, and also posing threat to life in a high-density area.

Cloth merchant Rahul from the area said heavy rains lead to 3-5 feet of water in the shops, leading to huge losses. "The drains in the area are mostly choked and overburdened, leading to a reverse flow of water. So water doesn't drain out easily and stays on the roads and in the shops," he explained.

The worst-affected are the old Tharagupet and Sultanpet areas, traders say. Another wholesale merchant and trade activist from the area Sajjan Raj Mehta said following repeated complaints to the civic body and the Chief Minister, the government has now released ₹4 crore for the overall development of B.V.K. Iyengar Road. However, work is yet to begin.

On Monday night, vehicles were wading through mini pools that had formed on New Thippasandra Main Road, which is a crucial link to go to various areas such as C.V. Raman Nagar and Vigyannagar. Most inner roads were also waterlogged. "The worse thing is, even Suranjandas Road gets inundated with every rain, and there is a huge pool that forms in front of BEML gate. It is the same story every year and I don't know how much longer we have to put up with this," said Meenakshi, a resident of Malleshpalya.

Residents of Sri Sai Layout in Horamavu ward, who suffered under seven feet water for three days following the heavy rain mid-May, are still waiting for a permanent solution to their problem. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who visited the area following the floods, cleared a project to widen a railway underpass and widen a drain to prevent flooding, but work is yet to begin.

The Bengaluru City Traffic Police (BCTP) and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have now identified a total of 59 spots that see waterlogging during the rains and are now working to drain out water from these spots faster.

"We have decided to install vertical box sections at these points to drain out excess water on the roads. The tenders for the same are being finalised and we have set one month's deadline for the work to be completed," said B.S. Prahlad, Chief Engineer, Road Infrastructure, BBMP. These vertical box drains will help drain out excess water from the roads. This means these drains will be complete only by mid-July, well into the monsoon season.

However, the list of 59 spots identified by BCTP is not exhaustive, residents complain. For instance, neither New Thippasandra Main Road nor B.V.K. Iyengar Road that witness inundation figure in the list where intervention is now planned.

(With inputs from Samhitha B.S and Archita Lakhotia)

Rain pain

Prominent places that see flooding: 59

In Central Business District: 24

Coffee Board Junction, Le Meridien underpass, Nehru Circle, New BEL Road, Lalbagh main gate, BMTC K.H. Road, K.R. Circle, Mayo Hall, Garuda Mall, Ejipura, Srinivagilu, Khoday's Junction, Binny Mill underpass, downramp of Anand Rao Circle underpass, Upramp of Sirsi Circle flyover

Outside Central Business District: 35

NGEF, Pottery Road, Silk Board, Roopena Agrahara, Jayadeva underpass, Begur Main Road, Gottigere, Loyola Junction, Meenakshi Mall, Veerasandra, Agara, Muthu Mariyamma Temple, Ramamurthynagar Main Road, Iblur, Marathahalli Bridge, Gali Anjaneya temple, Jnanabharathi, Attiguppe, West of Chord Road, Puttenahalli underpass, Kogilu Cross

* Source: Bengaluru City Traffic Police

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RISE 05:53	SET 18:45
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RISE 14:42	SET 02:07

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	max	min
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Bengaluru	29	21

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31°C The weather will be slight warm but humid. Night will be pleasant.Spell of rain and thundershower is likely.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
32°C A little warm but humid weaher to prevail. Night will be comfortable.Chances of rain and thundershower at some places.

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BENGALURU

Bangalore University teaching, non-teaching staff, research scholars, and postgraduate students will felicitate Venugopal K.R., Vice-Chancellor of BU, on Wednesday at Central College campus, Palace Road at 11 a.m.

Foldable cycles can now be carried in the last coach of Namma Metro

The move will also exempt cycles from the extra baggage charges

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Cycling enthusiasts in the city can now carry their foldable cycles in the last coach of Namma Metro trains.

The move, which is aimed at promoting the green initiative, will also exempt cycles from the extra baggage charges. However, the cycles should be of the prescribed dimensions and weight limit, said Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) in a press release on Tuesday.

"The size of the foldable bicycle shall not exceed 60 cm x 45 cm x 25 cm in dimension and it shall not be over 15 kg in weight. It will be subjected to security checks through the baggage scanner during entry," the release said.

BMRCL has said that cycle owners should ensure that their cycles are neatly packed so as to not cause inconvenience to other passengers.

Explaining the math behind the dimensions, Yashwanth Chavan, spokesperson, BMRCL said, "Those are the sizes of cycles which will fit inside our security scanners. We have to scan those cycles keeping in mind the safety of the other passengers. Weight wise, most foldable cycles do not exceed our limits".

He added that even though foldable cycles were allowed in metro trains for quite some time now, dedicating a fixed coach will make the process more systematic.

"In six-coach trains, as there is more space in the first and last compartments (and the first compartment has been reserved for female passengers), the cyclists can travel with their cycles in the last compartment."

BMRCL has said that cycle owners should ensure that their cycles are neatly packed so as to not cause inconvenience to other passengers.

The cycling community has welcomed the move while also suggesting other measures to make the metro more cyclists friendly. Although, the number of those who have foldable cycles is significantly lesser, community members say.

"While this is a good initiative, BMRCL should also look at providing free parking at metro stations for those who bring their own cycles. Designs for it are already available with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT). They should also look at initiating talks with public bicycle sharing operators to encourage them to become ambassadors for such things," said Satya Sankaran, the 'Bicycle Mayor' of Bengaluru.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P & SC No. 345/2022 (CCH-45)
Between : Ravi Chakravarthy, Son of Late Chakravarthy Ramashaedrachar Chakravarthy @ Dr. C.R. Chakravarthy, Aged about 58 years, Residing at No.417/2, 17th Floor, Blk 4, Casa Paradiso, Sobha City, R.K. Hegde Nagar Main Road, Thanisandra, PO. Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 077. ...Petitioner
AND: Nil ...Respondent
PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS, petitioner has instituted the above petition for the relief to grant probate of the Testamentary Will executed by his deceased mother Smt. Santha Chakravarthy dated 06/05/2014 in favour of the petitioner herein in respect of the schedule properties mentioned below since his mother was expired on 26/05/2021. The interested persons are hereby summoned to appear before this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions, on the 16th day of July 2022 at 11.00 a.m. to answer claims, as the day fixed for appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the case. Take notice that, in default of the appearance on the day aforementioned, the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.
SCHEDULE PROPERTIES
ITEM No.1 : All that piece and parcel of 50% of the share equivalent to 2000 Sq.ft. of land in a building site bearing Plot Nos. 49 & 50 in VSP VINDTH TOWN PART I, situated in No. 174, Vadakal Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, within the Registration District of Chengalpattu and in the Registration Sub District of Sriperumbudur, comprised in Survey Nos.168/1 & 168/3 and bounded on the:- East by: Plot No.51, West by: 23' feet Road, North by: 40' feet Road, South by: Plot Nos.48 & 47.
ITEM No.2 : All that piece and parcel of ½ or 50% of the share in A three Bedroom Apartment bearing No. E1-2173 on the Seventeenth floor of the building 'SOBHA SANTORINI' with a Super built-up Area of 156.18 Sq.Mtrs or 1702.7 Sq.ft. (including proportionate share of common areas and club house) along with 0.03% share, right, title and interest i.e. 52.09 Sq.Mtrs or 570.34 Sq.ft and also along with Two Car Parking space in the restricted common area of Basement / Ground Floor in the Residential complex known as 'SOBHA CITY' constructed in residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.62/2 and 62/3 situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk and Sy.No.7/1, Sy.No.9/1 and Sy.No.9/2 situated at Naganeshwara Nagenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, presently bearing Municipal No.40/7/1, 9/1, 9/2, 62/3, 62/2, totally measuring 36 Acres 25 Guntas (1148,214,77 Sq.Mt) and 19 Guntas of Kharab and bounded by: East by: Sy.No.10 & Sy.No. 11 of Naganeshwara Nagenahalli Village, West by: Thanisandra Main Road, North by: Sy.Nos. 63, 61, 58, 57, 56 and 46 Thanisandra Village and South by: Thanisandra Village Boundary, remaining portion of Sy.No.7 and Sy.No.8 of Nagneshwara Nagenahalli Village.
ITEM No. 3: 400 (Four Hundred Only) Shares of Tata Elxsi Company purchased through TSR Darashaw Consultants Private Limited, Mumbai. Reference No.B0003425, Folio No. EXS0600898, Dist from 32153024 to 32153423 together with accrued dividend's and other benefits in respect of the said shares.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on the 2nd day of June 2022.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Address of the Advocate:
G.K. NATARAJ, Advocate
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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MURALI** Raja Ramanujam, R/a Flat No.003, Tower-3, Salarpuriya Sattva Anugraha Apt, Magadi road, Cauverynagar, Bangalore-560079 have changed my name to Murali Raja Ramanuja Selty, vide affidavit dt: 07.06.2022 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, B'lore.

I, **INTHRANI** W/o.M.S. Shankar R/o No.400, 3rd Main, Krishnappa Building, Konena agrahara, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017, have changed my name from Inthrani to Indrani.S vide affidavit dt: 06-06-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, **VINOD** Singh is son of No 13623200A Hav Pan Singh, permanent residing at Vill-Worug, Post Nachi, Taluk Teh-Kapkot, Dist-Bagashwar (UK)-263679 have my changed name from Vinod Singh to Vinod Singh Barti vide affidavit dale 06 June 2022 before Notary & Advocate L B Anasuyamma, Bangalore.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. RAKESH CHAND BHUTRA, S/o. Sri. Radha Kishan Bhutra (PAN: ACMPB6033A) AND Sri. SANDESH BUTRA, S/o. Sri. Dinesh chand Bhutra. (PAN: AHPPB0922L) both are reisiding at No. 16, Hans Nagar, Ajmer Road, Beawar, Rajastan.** Anybody has got any sort of right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said transaction shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL the vacant residential property bearing site No. 39, formed out of converted Sy.No. 15/4C (converted vide Official Memorandum No. ALN. SR. (S) 360/2002-03 dt: 24/02/2003 issued by Special Deputy commissioner, Bangalore district, situated at **Ganakallu village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru,** presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP ward No. 198, having the BBMP having khata No. 4013364/197 and measuring East to West 85 Feet and North to South 55 Feet., in all measuring **4675 Sq. Ft.,**
And BOUNDED ON:
EAST BY : 30 feet Road.
WEST BY : Site No. 40 & 41
NORTH BY : Site No. 38
SOUTH BY : 40 feet Road.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Opp: Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61. Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628829

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is desirous of purchasing the schedule property from its present owner, **Sri. Anil Kumar. N,** S/o Nagappa M which is more-fully described in the schedule hereunder ("Schedule Property"). It is reported that the owner has acquired the right, title and interest over the schedule property by virtue of registered Sale Deed dated 06.02.2020 from its erstwhile owners, Smt. Jhansi vide No-YAN-1-10504-2019-20, which is electronically stored in CD No-YAND965 of Book-I, dated 06.02.2020, in the office of the Sub-Registar, Yelahanka, Bangalore.
Any person or persons asserting any charge, lien, right, title, agreement, interest or claim on the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the owner or objection to such sale in favour of my client should lodge his/her/their/its objections or claims with supporting documents with the undersigned within SEVEN DAYS (07 Days) of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Vacant Site No.4, Khata No-844/Sy. No-22/1, the property comes under BBMP, formed out of Converted Sy. No-22/1, situated at Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 34 feet and North to South 38 feet, in all measuring 1292 Sq. Feet and bounded on that:
East By: 30feet wide Road **West By:** Site No-05,
North By: Site No.03 **South By:** 30 feet wide Road

Dhirendra N Katti
KKC & Co. Advocates
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, our client Mr. Anand Ramani, aged about 51 years, S/o Mr. Ramaswami Ramani, Residing at No. F-016, Gopalan Habitat Splendour Near CMRIT, Brookefields, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru-560037, tendered my client resignation on 30 Sep. 2020 to the Partnership Firm formed in the name and style of M/S Aram Foods, No. 16, Muthu Nagar, Narasimhanaicken Palayam, Coimbatore-641031 by way of resignation letter to the other partner Mr. A. Arjun Pandian, aged about 25 years, S/o Mr. Anandha Kumar, residing at No. 16, Muthu Nagar, Narasimhanaicken Palayam, Coimbatore-641031 in furtherance issued Legal notice to the Partner calling upon him to settle the account and also for closure of partnership Firm and Bank account opened with Sate Bank of India Narasimhanaicken Palayam, Coimbatore-641031 bearing Account Number 38309992379 opened in the name of M/S Aram Foods. Further the Original Partnership Firm Deed dated 21/12/2018 is with Mr. A. Arjun Pandian and based on the said original Partnership deed he may approach any public person with ulterior motive to cause financial damage to me in the circumstances by way of this Public Notice notifying the Public that the Partnership Firm, formed in the name and Style of M/S Aram Foods is no more existing and the Bank account opened with Sate Bank of India, Narasimhanaicken Palayam, Coimbatore-641031 bearing Account Number 38309992379 opened in the name of M/S Aram Foods should be deemed as closed or inactive.

C.M. SUBRAMANYA, Advocate
27, 1st Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-09. Mobile : 98451 33665
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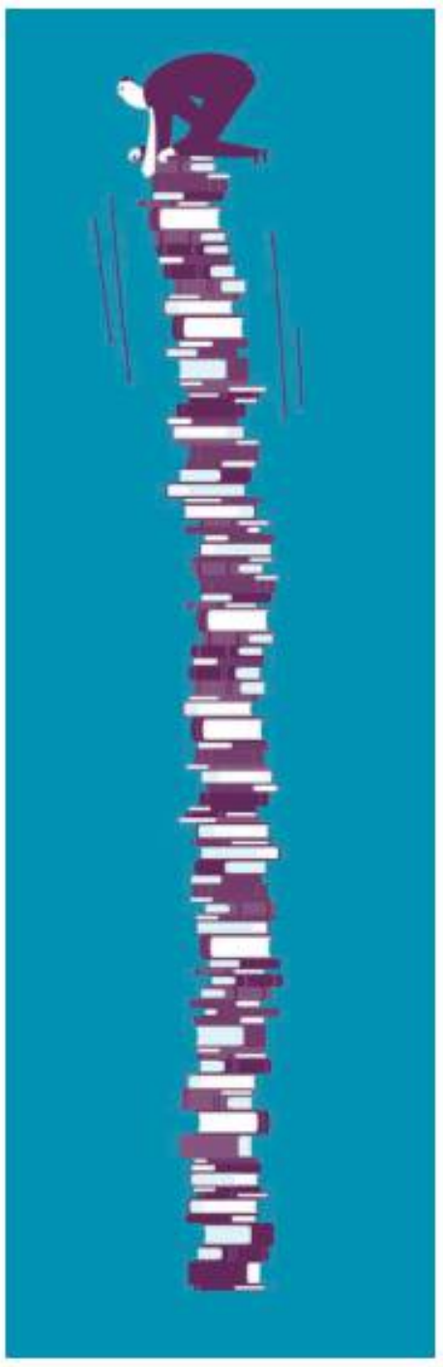

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The circularity of *Catch-22*

How Joseph Heller's iconic anti-war book lent an eternal phrase to the lexicon

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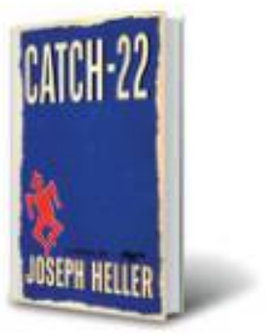

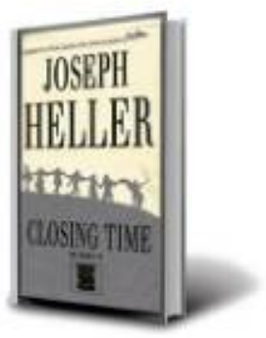

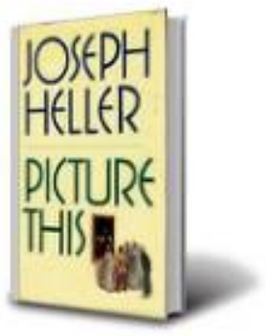

It was love at first sight... for Yossarian and several readers including yours truly. Joseph Heller (1923-1999) thought of the opening lines of *Catch-22* (1961) at home one fine morning in 1953. The violently anti-war novel has been consistently listed as one of the greatest novels of the 20th century.

To think a novel that lent a phrase to the lexicon, a novel that was at once so savagely satirical and heartbreakingly tragic, had such an everyday beginning, boggles the mind. Heller draws on his experiences as a 21-year-old B-25 bombardier in Italy during the Second World War, to tell the adventures of a 28-year-old bombardier, Captain Yossarian.

As part of the Army Air Corps stationed on the island of Pianosa, Yossarian's attempts to get home safely are stymied by Catch-22. The circular argument meant only an insane person would agree to fly more missions in order to be grounded. However, asking to be grounded signifies a fear for one's life, which is a product of a sane mind and hence fit to fly more missions. Like Yossarian, one can only whistle at the devious simplicity of it.

The circularity of Catch-22 is echoed in its structure, which for all its apparent chaotic haphazardness, is meticulously put together, with each pass of an event (reminiscent of the many bomb-runs made by Yossarian and company) uncovering more details from a different perspective.

The unfortunate Snowden who spilled his secret on the aircraft floor even as Yossarian helplessly tried to comfort him with what was finally an ineffectual "there, there" is foreshadowed right in the beginning of the book with Yossarian wondering where are the Snowdens of yesteryear helpfully translating the phrase into French.

The absurdity of war

The book, Heller's debut, starts off lightly underlying the absurdity of war and military bureaucracy. Yossarian is in the hospital, being just short of jaundice and declaring war on all articles, street names or salutations in the letters he has to censor as Washington Irving or Irving Washington. Yossarian, like the rest of the ward, takes a hearty dislike for the well-meaning Texan and wonders why the Soldier in White needs to be the medium for the two bottles of liquid being pumped in and out of him!

Yossarian's world is filled with quirky characters from his tent mate, the "evil-eyed mechanically-aptituded" Orr who walked around with crab apples in his mouth to Appleby who cannot see too well because of the flies in his eyes. There is McWatt with his catchphrase "oh well what the hell" as he makes dangerously low passes, Harvard man Clevinger "with lots of education and zero brains", Chief White Halfoat, whose family is a human divining rod for oil companies, the traumatised Hungry Joe whose nightmares only stop when the number of missions are increased, the unfortunately named Major Major Major Major and the commercially astute Milo Minderbender.

The book has sections going back in time to Yossarian's training, the Great Big Siege of Bologna and the growth of Milo's financial empire, whose crowning achievement is bombing the airstrip at Pianosa because he gets a better deal from the enemy.

The final segment of the book returns to 1944 but is much darker, with the spilling of Snowden's secret, and the death of most of Yossarian's friends and comrades. His surreal walk through a bombed-out Rome in the ironically-named chapter, The Eternal City, is an uneasy cavalcade of haunting images.

Heller's other works

Heller set the novel during WWII and has been quoted as saying *Catch-22* was a criticism of the 1950s – the Korean War and burgeoning commercialism. He included anachronistic details in the novel such as a malfunctioning IBM computer that shanghaied a zoologist into the war effort. *Catch-22* was wholeheartedly embraced by the flower power generation as a damning indictment of the Vietnam War.

Heller followed up *Catch-22* with *Something Happened* (1974), which drew on his ad agency days, *Good as Gold* (1979) about failed writer Julius Gold who has a chance at politics, *God Knows* (1984) about King David's difficult relationship with God, *Picture This* (1988) a magic swirling trip through history and the art world on the back of Rembrandt's painting *Aristotle Contemplating a Bust of Homer* and his final book, *Portrait of an Artist, as an Old Man*, published after his death due to a heart attack in 1999.

Heller also wrote a sequel to Catch-22, *Closing Time* (1994), which deals with a 68-year-old Yossarian going strong on his mission of living forever or die trying. Milo is up to his usual tricks including selling a stealth aircraft to the government that is so secret that it is invisible! There is also the tail gunner Sammy Singer who kept fainting in the airplane as Snowden lay whimpering on the floor about being cold.

Sixty years on, Yossarian's take on the horror and absurdity of war, strikes a chord with another Snowden spilling secrets and the order to play the National Anthem in theatres reminiscent of the Glorious Loyalty Oath Crusade, which Major _ De Coverley put a stop with the roar of "Gimme eat!"

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning sir"

"Good morning"

"What's the difference between 'little' and 'small', sir?"

"'Small' generally refers to size, 'little' can be applied to both quantity and size.

A little water, a little mouse.

You can't say 'small water'. 'A small quantity of water' is all right. 'Little' has emotional connotations. 'Small' means 'not fully grown or developed'.

I live in a small cottage.

I live in a little cottage.

I live in a pretty little cottage.

I live in a pretty small cottage.

'Pretty little' means 'charming'. 'Pretty small' means 'quite small'. You talk about 'small-scale industries' and not 'little-scale industries'. God has created all things great and small. 'Little lamb, who made thee?' It is not 'small lamb, who made thee?' 'Little' carries with it connotations of innocence, beauty, helplessness, tenderness and so on. The important thing to remember is that 'little' has emotional connotations which small doesn't have. There is considerable difference between

a) She is my pretty little darling.

b) She is my pretty small darling.

If you use b) instead of a) you would be in serious trouble."

"What's the difference between 'I was not at home' and 'I was not yet home', sir?"

"I'll give you context for the two. Listen.

"Is George in?"

"I don't think so. I don't see any lights."

"He is not yet home?"

"No. He usually returns around 7 O'clock."

"I'd like to see him. Do you think he'll be at home at 7?"

"Sure. He'll be definitely at home."

'To be at home' means to be in the house. 'He is not yet home' means he has not returned home from work or office.

"What's the meaning of 'stick to one's guns', sir?"

"When you hold on to your opinion or belief despite what others say or do, people would say that you stick to your guns.

Even though he was severely criticised for his statement by his friends and colleagues, he stuck to his guns."

"How do you pronounce 'pretty', sir?"

"It is pronounced 'priti'. It rhymes with 'pity', 'city', 'witty'."

"How is 'Thames' pronounced, sir?"

"The 'th' in 'Thames' is pronounced 't'. The 'a' is pronounced 'e' as in bed, fed, led and wed. So 'Thames' is pronounced 'temz'. It rhymes with 'gems'. I hope it is clear."

"Oh sir! I have always pronounced it 'theims'."

"Well, now you know the correct pronunciation. Go home and practise it. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

World Ocean Day observed every year on June 8 was proposed in 1992 and officially recognised by the United Nations in 2008. A quiz on the oceans and seas that make up the majority of our planet

1 Let's start at the beginning. Which commonwealth country mooted the idea of such a day at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio?

2 From the school geography textbook: how much percentage of the earth's surface is covered by oceans and how much percent of the world's water is found in the ocean?

3 To which famous scientific visionary and writer is this quote attributed: "How inappropriate to call this planet 'Earth' when it is clearly 'Ocean'"?

4 Traditionally geographers had divided the bodies of water into four oceans and in the beginning of the 20th Century, the waters around Antarctica were also made an ocean. So, name the five oceans.

5 Which is the world's largest inland sea?

6 Considered the saltiest of all the seas that connect to the ocean, its common English name is a direct translation of its ancient Greek name, Erythra Thalassa. Which is this body of water?

7 What is the term used for the portion of an ocean between the depths of 2,000m and 6,000m? It is the largest environment for Earth life as it covers 60% of the global surface and 83% of the area of oceans and seas.

8 Which famous explorer gave the largest ocean its name because its waters appeared peaceful and placid?

◄ This is a scene from a sea that was once the world's fourth-largest inland water body but in the last 70 years has shrunk to a tiny fraction of its size because of the diversion of water from the rivers that fed it. Name this unfortunate body of water.

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This scheme was launched in 2000 by the Indian government to provide highly subsidised food to poor families. **Ans: Antyodaya Anna Yojana**
2. An initiative of the FSSAI, this scheme intended to regulate oil usage in cooking. **Ans: RUCO (Repurpose Used Cooking Oil)**
3. The motto of the Indian Food Sharing Alliance. **Ans: Save Food, Share Food, Share Joy**
4. The Midday Meal Scheme was first launched in Tamil Nadu in this school. **Ans: Sourashtra Boys Higher Secondary School, Madurai**
5. In 1975, the Srivastava Committee recommended expansion of the role of these village-level female health workers to include education, food and nutrition. **Ans: Auxiliary nurse midwife**
6. The food-related body under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. **Ans: Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI)**
Visual: This is what the green leaf in the 'Eat Right India' campaign represents. **Ans: Sustainable food production and consumption**

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How to lead effectively in the hybrid work format

A recent report by NASSCOM and BCG notes that this work model bestows huge benefits on the team, but is also exacting in its demands, particularly where the leadership is concerned

The consanguineous companion of the fully-remote model, the hybrid work model is the fair-haired one, more favoured as it splices the best of two worlds: working inside and outside the office environment. Spotlighting the most obvious benefits accruing from this model: Social capital is built organically, meaningful collaboration is made possible; and work-life balance is not compromised. While it offers teams great benefits, it also makes heavy demands on them, especially the leadership.

With the tech industry still largely operating remotely, the hybrid work life still remains only partially unwrapped, and largely "un-lived". However, there have been enough samplers already to gauge its impact on leadership. This impact is part of the discussions and answers to questions around the hybrid model raised in a recent report prepared by National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), in collaboration with Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

Here are the salient features of what the report – titled 'Shaping the Future of Work in India's Tech Industry' – has to say about leading in a hybrid-work environment.

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The adaptation

Here are the things that managers have to bear in mind as they switch over to the hybrid work format:

1. The feedback mechanism should have more horsepower, moving faster than ever before. Regular reviews are indispensable; so are one-on-one sessions with team members.

2. Reverse-mentoring should be encouraged, giving remote natives the responsibility of benchmarking – and also elucidating upon – newer technologies that might enhance team collaboration in a hybrid online-offline format.

3. The manager may have to let go of the privilege of being 'the mentor' in favour of "Community of Practice", one that promotes peer-to-peer sharing, coaching and learning.

Winning behaviours

Here are the behaviours leaders need to cultivate to lead effectively in this format:

The feedback mechanism should have more horsepower, moving faster than ever before

1. Promoting trust and autonomy

Team members should be allowed to have "greater autonomy over work methods and timing of their work". Leaders should create alternatives to the regular water-cooler conversations consistently so that employees interact regularly and freely, ensuring trust and transparency.

2. Creating a level-playing field

Leaders should maintain an "emphasis on comparable feedback frequency and detail for remote and in-person employees; employ objective, data-backed performance measures; and ensure all employees in office dial into calls."

And the report notes that "leaders should avoid being 'in office' at all times", thereby promoting the hybrid-work format in spirit.

3. Ensuring digital social intimacy

Digital social intimacy is fostered by "utilisation of virtual tools for coaching and feedback; and celebration of success in remote settings by sharing stories of success, offering personal comments to remote employees; and randomised peer catch-ups and small group discussions; and celebration of personal highlights over virtual get-together."

4. Ensuring localised decision-making

There are three facets to making sure that decision-making has an overpowering local flavour to it: "Actively empowering employees to step up and voice opinions; integrating lower-level employees into key meetings and decision-making activities; and creating opportunities to train employees dealing with external stakeholders in decision-making"

Evolving roles

Leadership is traditionally defined by a pyramidal structure, with its top-down emphasis. With fresh insights around effective management blasting in, this structure has been in jeopardy for some time now.

And now, the hybrid work model seems to be dealing this structure a body blow.

In this new work format, roles traditionally played by leaders are either taken over or enhanced.

One, the mentorship role has been "shifted to Community of Practice & HR". The report notes that young employees love to learn in a community construct.

Two, people management role has been "retained by the team lead" but with the demand to "create a culture of psychological safety". This is how the report spells it out: "Managers should create a sense of psychological safety (fairness, equity) so that trust is maintained in career management, L&D, career progression."

Three, as part of another evolving role, leaders have to place the punctuation on "learning and solving problems with Community of Practice and peers".

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Robots for 'enhanced passenger experience' at KIA

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Currently in the trial stage, 10 robots have been deployed to help guide passengers through the airport and answer basic queries. The robot count will be increased in a calibrated manner and will be further developed over a period in terms of functionality and features, after gauging customer feedback, a release said

They have partnered with Artiligent Solutions Pvt. Ltd., who specialise in AI and robotics, to model the robots along with creating a customised passenger services software. The "default language of communication will be English, with additional regional and international languages in the offing," the release added.

" If due to any reason, the robot is unable to answer queries, passengers shall be immediately connected to the arport help desk via video call, on the robot screen itself," the release explained.

Jayaraj Shanmugam, Chief Operating Officer, BIAL, said "Pre-empting passenger requirements and complementing new-age technology with a focused customer-centric team approach has been our winning combination. These smart robots are the latest addition to our offering which shall further boost our concentrated endeavour to provide exceptional customer service".

A robot used in Kempegowda International Airport.

Customs helps Ricky with medallion

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Grammy-winning composer Ricky Kej took to Twitter on Tuesday to complain about how his medallion was stuck in Customs Bengaluru for over two months. The Customs was quick to intervene.

Commissioner City Customs (ICDs), Bangalore (@CommrBlrCityCus) responded, seeking the tracking details. Mr. Kej later tweeted: "Good news: Thanks to the quick, swift intervention by the Customs of India, my medallion has cleared Customs and will be delivered tomorrow. Just got a call from Fedex. This would not be possible without the Customs officials going over and above their duty to ensure this is done."

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ವಿಭೂಸ್ವಾಅ-5/471/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.06.2022

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ (ಅಪರ) ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಲಹಂಕ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಟ್ಟಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಅಧಿಸೂಚಿತ ಖಾತಾದಾರರು, ಅನುಭವದಾರರು, ಆಸಕ್ತರು ಹಾಗೂ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸಕ್ತ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಡಾ|| ಕೆ.ಶಿವರಾಮಕಾರಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ರಚಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಬಿಡಿಎ/ಕಮೀಷನರ್/ಡಿಸಿ(ಎಲ್‌ಎ)/ಎಸ್‌ಎಲ್‌ಎಒ/ಎ6/ಪಿಆರ್/283/2008-09, ದಿನಾಂಕ:30.12.2008 ನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅದನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 31.12.2008 ರ ಭಾಗ-3, ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1368 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **Civil Appeal No. 7661-63/2018(Arising out of SLP(C) No.** 10216-218/2018) **Dated 03/08/2018** ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಅಇ/553/ಬೆಂಭೂಸ್ವಾ/2018 ದಿನಾಂಕ 29/10/2018 ರಂತೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಡಾ|| ಕೆ.ಶಿವರಾಮ ಕಾರಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು 3546 ಎಕರೆ 12 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಡಾವಣೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976 ಕಲಂ 18(3) ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಯುಡಿಡಿ/553/ಎಂಎನ್‌ಎಕ್ಸ್/2018, ದಿನಾಂಕ 29.10.2018 ರಂದು ಬಿಡಿಎ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976 ಕಲಂ 19(1) ರನ್ವಯ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 01.11.2018 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಆಯಾ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರಿನ ಮುಂದೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಂದು ಹಸ್ತಾಂತರ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕೋಷ್ಟಕ

ಗ್ರಾಮ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.	ಹಸ್ತಾಂತರ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ
ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಟ್ಟಹಳ್ಳಿ	24/2, 29/3	16.06.2022
ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಟ್ಟಹಳ್ಳಿ	32, 36, 40	17.06.2022

ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಖಾತೆದಾರರು, ಅನುಭವದಾರರು ಮತ್ತು ಆಸಕ್ತ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 12(2) ರಡಿ ಅವಾರ್ಡ್ ನೋಟಿಸನ್ನು ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ವಿಳಾಸಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪೀಡ್ ಪೋಸ್ಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ 12(2) ನೋಟಿಸ್ ತಲುಪದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನೇ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 12(2) ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ, ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರುಗಳ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಮರ-ಮಟ್ಟು, ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ಸಮೇತವಾಗಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನವನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 16(1) ರನ್ವಯ ಹಸ್ತಾಂತರಿಸಲು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದು ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ನೀಡುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಕರಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ-5,
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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

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ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸನ್ 2021-22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದ, ಸನ್ 2021-22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಅನುದಾನದ, ಸನ್ 2020-21, 2021-22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಶಾಸಕರ & ಸಂಸದರ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/CPWD/HDMC/ ಇತರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. **ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಇ.ಸಂ :** (1) 131681 (ST), (2) 131586 (SC), (3) 131562 (Gen), (4) 131601 (Gen), (5) 132562 (Gen), (6) 132536 (Gen), (7) 132537 (Gen), (8) 132538 (Gen), (9) 132535 (Gen), (10) 132533 (Gen), (11) 132539 (SC), (12) 125209 (Gen), (13) 125814 (Gen), (14) 132303 (Gen), (15) 115000 (Gen), (16) 132318 (Gen), (17) 131557 (Gen), (18) 131689 (Gen), (19) 131860 (Gen), (20) 129957 (Gen), (21) 131712 (Gen), ಒಟ್ಟು **21** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **1354.22** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ.ಸಂ: 01 ರಿಂದ 11 ರ & 17 ರಿಂದ 21ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ದಿನಾಂಕ : **09/06/2022** ರಂದು ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಸಂ 12 ರಿಂದ 16ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ದಿನಾಂಕ : **13/06/2022** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. **ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : **0836-2213838** ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಇ.ಸಂ: 01 ರಿಂದ 11ರ & 17 ರಿಂದ 21ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ
1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **24/06/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27/06/2022** ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 10.35 ಗಂಟೆ

ಇ.ಸಂ: 12 ರಿಂದ 14ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ
1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **28/06/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **29/06/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 05.35 ಗಂಟೆ
3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **04/07/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 4.35 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

ಇ.ಸಂ: 15 & 16ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ
1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **13/07/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **14/07/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 05.35 ಗಂಟೆ
3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **21/07/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 4.35 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ,
ಧಾರವಾಡ

ವಾಪಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ಎಡಿಎ/212/2022-23

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 31st May, 2022

S.O. 2532(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of Sannur to Bikarnakette section from Km. 691+350 to Km. 736+362 of NH- 169 (Old NH-13) under Bharathmala Pariyojana on Hybrid Annuity Mode in the State of Karnataka (Package-III).hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, special land acquisition officer National Highways Authority NH- 169 (Old NH-13) in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Karnataka State Government Employees Association Building, 1st Floor, behind Mini Vidhanasoudha, Mangaluru.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of Sannur to Bikarnakette section from Km. 691+350 to Km. 736+362 of NH- 169 (Old NH-13) under Bharathmala Pariyojana on Hybrid Annuity Mode in the State of Karnataka (Package-III).

Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature Of Land	Area (in Square Meter)
State: KARNATAKA			**District: DAKSHINA KANNADA**	
Taluk: Mangalore (T)			**Village: Tenkayedapadavu**	
1	10/2A3	Private	Garden	6
2	10/2B	Private	Garden	466
3	10/4A3	Private	Dry	40.47
4	10/6A	Government	Dry	28
5	10/6A1	Private	Non-Agriculture	183
6	10/6A2	Private	Dry	203
7	10/6B	Private	Garden	142
8	10/7A	Government	dry	12
9	11/1	Private	Wet	2,105
10	11/3	Government	Poramboku	50
11	12/1A	Private	Wet	1,032
12	12/5	Government	Poramboku	25
13	213/1B1	Private	Non-Agriculture	1,012
14	213/1C	Government	Dry	45
15	213/3	Private	Dry	243
16	219/1A	Government	Dry	101
17	219/1B	Private	Dry	607
18	219/1C	Government	Dry	50
19	236/4B	Private	Dry	283
20	237/2	Private	Dry	1,416
21	237/4B	Private	Dry	567
22	237/8	Private	Dry	61
23	237/9	Private	Dry	202
24	241/1, 241/2, 241/4, 241/6	Private	Dry	8,015
25	26/2A1	Private	Wet	1,052
26	26/2A2	Private	Wet	61
27	30/3C2	Private	Wet	1,012
28	30/4	Private	Dry	405
29	30/5	Private	Wet	243
30	33/3	Private	Wet	1,619
31	33/6	Private	Wet	648
32	41/15	Private	Wet	405
33	41/16A	Private	Wet	405
34	41/16B	Private	Wet	324
35	41/17	Private	Wet	405
36	41/18	Private	Wet	405
37	41/19	Private	Garden	1,214
38	41/20	Private	Garden	405
39	41/6	Private	Wet	1,619
40	41/7	Private	Wet	405
41	46/2	Private	Non Agriculture	364
42	46/3B	Private	Non-Agriculture	395
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45	48/2A	Government	Dry	50
46	48/2B	Private	Garden	486
47	48/8	Private	Dry	283
48	6/10A	Government	Poramboku	125
49	6/18	Private	Wet	51
50	6/8C1	Private	Non Agriculture	769
51	6/9D	Government	Poramboku	51
52	95/1	Private	Garden	283
53	95/2A1	Private	Dry	1,093
54	95/2A3	Private	Dry	890
55	95/2C	Private	Dry	1,416
56	95/2D	Private	Dry	810
Taluk: Mudabidri				**Village: Marpadi**
1	156/2	Private	Dry	4,513
2	178/16	Private	Dry	516
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4	178/1A12	Private	Dry	667
5	178/1A13	Private	Dry	300
6	178/1A18	Private	Dry	81
7	178/1A19	Private	Dry	445
8	178/1A1B	Private	Dry	200
9	178/1A4	Private	Dry	806
10	178/1A6	Private	Dry	607
11	178/1A7	Private	Dry	395
12	178/1B	Private	Wet	842
13	178/2	Private	Dry	806
14	183/1	Private	Dry	3,017
15	206	Private	Dry	2,000
16	207	Private	Dry	1,600
17	210/1	Government	Poramboku	101
18	210/2	Private	Dry	618
19	213/1A	Government	Poramboku	110
20	213/1B	Government	Poramboku	145
21	213/2A	Private	Dry	692
22	213/2B	Private	Dry	728.46
23	213/2C	Private	Dry	162
24	215/1A1	Private	Dry	4,000
25	215/1A2	Private	Dry	4,000
26	216/1B	Government	Dry	120
27	216/1C	Private	Dry	80
28	225/3A	Government	Poramboku	30
29	225/5	Private	Non Agriculture	126
30	240/1A2	Private	Wet	1,012
31	240/1B	Private	Dry	607
32	240/2A	Government	Dry	100
33	240/3	Private	Dry	102
34	240/3A	Private	Dry	21
35	240/3C	Private	Dry	7,005
36	259/2	Government	Poramboku	57
37	259/3	Government	Dry	101
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39	260/3	Private	Dry	2,024
40	260/4	Private	Dry	1,416
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Taluk: Mudabidri				**Village: Putthige**
1	10/1	Private	Wet	1,012
2	138/1	Private	Dry	404
3	138/2	Private	Wet	4,047
4	138/3	Private	Wet	1,303
5	14/2	Private	Wet	850
6	14/3	Private	Wet	1,053
7	14/7	Private	Dry	607
8	14/8	Private	Dry	607
9	148/1	Private	Dry	4,856
10	148/2	Private	Dry	5,016
11	149/1B1	Government	Poramboku	50
12	149/2	Private	Dry	1,942
13	15/1	Private	Wet	810
14	15/2	Government	Poramboku	60
15	15/3	Private	Wet	2,307
16	15/4	Government	Poramboku	60
17	15/5	Private	Wet	6,070
18	16/2	Private	Wet	2,024
19	16/6	Private	Wet	3,240
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23	172/2B1	Private	Dry	648
24	172/2B2	Private	Dry	486
25	172/2B5	Private	Non-Agriculture	324
26	172/2B6	Private	Dry	243
27	172/2B7	Private	Dry	870
28	172/6A2	Private	Dry	162
29	172/6B	Private	Dry	283
30	18/2	Private	Wet	1,214
31	191/1B	Private	Dry	4,020

HC gives govt. 6 weeks to complete main exam to fill 205 posts of APP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday set a deadline of six weeks for holding the main examination to fill 205 posts of assistant public prosecutor (APP)-cum-assistant government pleader (AGP), and announcement of the exam results.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi issued the direction while hearing a PIL petition, which was initiated *suo motu* by the High Court in September 2019, on the issue of delay in the conduct of the trial in criminal cases due to a large number of vacancies in various posts of prosecutor.

40% posts vacant

The court had found that 40% of the posts of prosecutor was lying vacant in 2019.

The Bench noted that the process of selection of candidates for the 205 posts, initiated way back in 2019, is yet to be completed, and declined to grant more time to the government to complete the examination.

The selection process, initiated by the Directorate of Prosecutions, could not see much progress due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the process commenced with the holding of preliminary exam by the Karnataka Examination Authority in March 2021.

Though around 1,500 candidates who appeared for the preliminary exam were found eligible to appear for the main exam, the directorate could not conduct the main exam till date.

The main exam, earlier scheduled for January 2022, was postponed due to increase in the number of COVID-19 cases.

32	191/1C2	Government	Dry	64
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36	204/2	Private	Wet	3,000
37	21/1	Private	Wet	1,012
38	21/2	Government	Poramboku	51
39	21/3	Private	Wet	1,214
40	21/4	Private	Dry	810
41	218/1A	Private	Dry	5,510
42	218/1B	Private	Dry	5,020
43	22/3	Private	Wet	7,000
44	227/1	Government	Dry	125
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46	239/1	Private	Dry	4,047
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48	239/3	Private	Dry	2,022
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57	313/P	Private	Dry	162
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63	358/4B	Private	Dry	800
64	390/1A1	Private	Non-Agriculture	769
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69	429/1	Private	Dry	1,012
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81	469/4	Private	Dry	243
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84	480/9	Private	Dry	1,214
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96	561	Private	Dry	6,094
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105	628/1	Private	Dry	2,024
106	628/2	Common	Dry	6,070
107	628/4	Private	Dry	2,024
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109	697/2	Private	Dry	1,012
110	8/1	Private	Wet	2,307
111	8/16	Private	Dry	2,014
112	8/17	Private	Wet	1,902
113	8/18	Private	Dry	2,873
114	8/5	Private	Dry	2,104
115	8/8	Private	Wet	5,666
			Total	246,196.93

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RAJESH GUPTA, Director

TAC: Make mask mandatory in Bengaluru, fine defaulters

'Deploy civic marshals at all public places to ensure people wear masks'

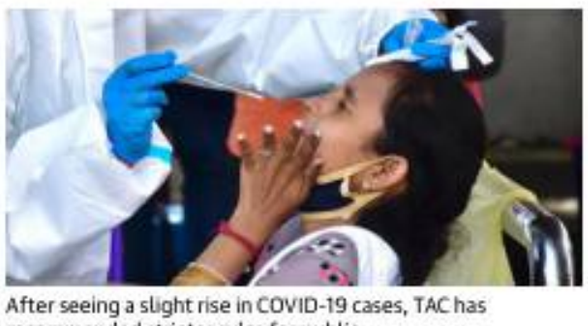
AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Karnataka's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), that met here on Monday to take stock of a slight uptick in cases, has recommended reintroducing compulsory face masking in public places.

Advising that the services of marshals and police should be used to ensure strict compliance as a first step, the TAC has said that if there is no public cooperation, after five to seven days, the State should issue an order under the Disaster Management Act and enforce the same with penalty for defaulters.

"After reviewing the current situation of COVID-19 in the State and Bengaluru in particular, it is recommended that stricter actions should be taken immediately, starting from Bengaluru. Compulsory face masking (use of N95 face masks) should be reintroduced in public places, crowded areas and closed spaces such as busy markets, exhibitions, marriage halls, shopping malls, buses, trains, offices, commercial establishments, educational institutions and all air-conditioned halls including cinema halls," stated the TAC's report.

BBMP officials had on Monday said that civic marshals will be deployed at all public places to create awareness and ensure people wear masks. "They will not levy penalties for not wearing masks but will create awareness," Harish Kumar, BBMP Special Commissioner had said.



After seeing a slight rise in COVID-19 cases, TAC has recommended stricter rules for public. • FILE PHOTO

Sewage surveillance

Sewage surveillance in Bengaluru city, Bengaluru airport and Mangaluru airport that was earlier recommended by the TAC has commenced from May 19. This surveillance has been entrusted to the Infectious Diseases Research Foundation (IDRF). Now, the TAC has recommended that a technical appraisal team be set up to ensure that sewage surveillance is under constant technical and administrative monitoring. "The team should have a nodal officer from the health department and include representatives from TAC, National Institute of Virology (NIV), NCBS, BBMP, WHO-Bengaluru unit and head of the department of Microbiology at BMCRI. Bi-weekly progress reports should be shared with the TAC for a technical appraisal," the report stated.

For animal surveillance – that has been entrusted to the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals – the TAC has advised the government to send a reminder to the institute to undertake the activity as planned soon.

Caution advised

Following the Centre's letter to Karnataka on the rise in cases between the weeks ending May 27 and June 3, the TAC said, "Overall, the situation is fluctuating, but not showing any significant and continued rise in the cases. Also the number of hospitalisations and deaths are low and practically nil. Sewage surveillance has reported positivity from Bengaluru East and based on past experience of commencement of the wave this needs to be carefully watched for any continued rise in the cases in the State capital." "However, in view of small local surges and as over 95% of cases being reported from Bengaluru, a minimum of 20,000 tests should be done in Bengaluru daily and 10,000 should be done in the rest of Karnataka. All ILI and SARI cases should be compulsorily tested in all hospitals, Besides, compulsory random testing of 2% of international arrivals and testing of symptomatic primary contacts is a must," the report added.

Third sero-survey to be completed by June 14

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Field work for the third sero-survey in unvaccinated children aged 6-14 years that began on June 6 is expected to be completed by June 14. The survey is aimed to understand active COVID-19 infection, prevalence of sero-positivity (COVID antibodies), waning of antibodies following natural infection, incidence of re-infection and the prevalent strain of SARS-CoV-2 in the unvaccinated paediatric age group. Field work has commenced in the districts for collection of information, sample for RT-PCR and blood sample for antibodies.

348 new cases in Karnataka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Tuesday saw 348 new infections taking the total number of cases to 39,53,937. With this the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) touched 2.11% and the weekly TPR touched 1.53%.

Of the new cases, 339 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone. With zero deaths, the State's toll remained 40,066. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 311 persons were discharged on Tuesday taking the total recoveries to 39,11,351. Active cases touched 2,478. As many as 16,474 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 10,709 RT-PCR tests. With this, the total number of tests rose to 6,64,87,860.

Meanwhile, the Health Department has directed district officials to step up surveillance against vector-borne diseases, especially dengue, chikungunya and malaria. According to a circular issued by Arundathi Chandrashekar, Mission Director, National Health Mission, as the possibility of a rise in the incidence of vector borne diseases is high during this weather, district officials should identify high risk and vulnerable areas in their jurisdiction and conduct larval surveys. Rapid response teams should be set up to monitor the situation in high prevalence areas and preventive measures should be intensified, the circular stated.

Three more arrested in businessman murder case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Chamarajapet police, probing the Jugraj Jain murder case, arrested three more persons and recovered valuables and cash worth ₹4.9 crore from them.

The prime accused is Bijaram, 24, a resident of Nagaur district in Rajasthan and his associates, Puran Ram Devasi alias Pooran Ram, 26, a resident of Goa and a native of Raipur, Mahendra Devasi, 27, of Raipur, Om Prakash Devasi, 24, a resident of Chickpet and native of Raipur, Rajasthan. One more accused, identified as Om Ram Devasi, is at large and efforts are on to nab him.

Mr. Jain, 74, a resident of King's Enclave apartment in Chamarajapet, was murdered, allegedly by Bijaram, at his flat on the midnight of May 24, 2022.

The police added that he ransacked the house, stuffed the valuables in bags, and escaped to Goa, where he handed over the valuables to his associates and left for his hometown.

However, Bijaram, who was on run, was caught in Gujarat by the Amirgadh police of Banaskantha district on May 29.

Bijaram was travelling in a truck and upon checking his bag, the police found ₹8.4 lakh cash and ₹23.8 lakh worth of gold valuables. Bijaram was later handed over to the Chamarajapet police, who learnt of the involvement of four more persons.

17-year-old girl killed allegedly by father for intercaste relationship

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

A 17-year-old girl was strangled to death allegedly by her father in Kaggundi village of Periyapatna taluk in Karnataka.

The girl, a student of II PUC in a college in Periyapatna and belonging to the Vokkaliga community, was in a relationship with a boy, Manju, from the Dalit community residing in the neighbouring Mellahalli. However, the girl's family was strongly opposed to the alliance, and counselled her against having any relationship with the boy, police said.

The girl had been sent to the Government Girls' Home in Mysuru by the Periyapatna police about a month ago after she complained against her parents.

The parents, however, brought her back home after a fortnight ago after giving an undertaking to the Mysuru District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) that they would not harm her and facilitate her education.

After bringing her back home, the family members, including her father Suresh, 45, and mother Baby, tried to convince the girl against having any relationship with the boy. But, when she tried to contact the boy again, a confrontation ensued between the girl and her father in the early hours of Tuesday, leading to her strangulation around 2.30-3.00 a.m., police said.

Her mother, who was present on the occasion, tried to revive her by sprinkling water on her, but to little avail. Later, the parents kept her body on a two-wheeler and rode to the neighbouring Mellahalli, abandoned the body by the roadside, and returned to their house.

Later, Suresh went to Periyapatna police station and surrendered before the police. The police arrested Suresh and his wife Baby and is continuing the investigation.

Timeline

- The 17-year-old girl from Periyapatna, belonging to Vokkaliga community, faced the family's opposition over her relationship with a Dalit boy
- She was sent to a government girls' home by the local police a month ago following threats she faced
- Parents brought her back a fortnight ago after signing an undertaking that they will not harm her
- There was a face-off between the father and her on Tuesday when they learnt she had tried to contact the boy. The father allegedly strangulated her in a fit of rage
- The family initially tried to dispose of the body, but the father later surrendered before the police

Social investigation

Meanwhile, sources in Mysuru District Child Welfare Committee said the girl was initially reluctant to go with her parents. But, later she agreed to return home with her parents after they gave her an assurance. The girl was allowed to go home only after the officials conducted a social investigation was submitted a report, the sources added.

Sudhakar denies BJP MLC's allegations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Denying the allegations made by his party MLC, Ayanur Manjunath, Health and Family Welfare Minister K. Sudhakar on Tuesday claimed he had tried his best to help the contractual employees hired under the National Health Mission (NHM).

Members of the Karnataka State Health Contractual and Outsourced Employees' Association (KSHCOEA), who were at the forefront of the battle against COVID-19, have been demanding the implementation of Srinivasachari report. Apart from regularisation of services, the association has been demanding medical reimbursements, job security, and other incentives. Mr. Ayanur Manjunath, who is the honorary president of the association, on Monday came down heavily on Dr. Sudhakar calling him an "inefficient" Minister. The MLC alleged that Dr. Sudhakar has not done anything so far to help the NHM contractual workers, though they had discharged their duties with earnestness throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

K. Sudhakar

Responding to the allegations, Dr. Sudhakar in a statement said that had held multiple meetings with senior officials and Mr. Ayanur Manjunath to discuss the implementation of the committee's recommendations.

Last date extended

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) has extended the last date for paying examination fee through NEFT challan for students appearing for SSLC supplementary June 2022 examination till June 10, 2022.

KSEEB in a release said that along with NEFT challan candidates have to submit all required documents in person to the board.

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No.: BDA/E.O./C.A./162/2022-23 Date: 07.06.2022

Extension of Application Submission Date

The C.A.Notification No.BDA/E.O./C.A./62/2022-23 dated 05.05.2022 published in this newspaper on 07.05.2022 regarding allotment of Civic Amenity Sites (C.A. Sites) has been published in the website of the Authority and Notice Board. The last date for submission of Application for allotment of the Civic Amenity Sites has been extended from 06.06.2022 to 14.06.2022

Sd/- Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-procurement only)

On behalf of GESCOM, the undersigned invites the tenders for 01 (One) number of civil engineering works through e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in vide Tender notification number SEE/RCR/AEE(C)/ 2022-23/ 1055 Dated: 07-06-2022 at Devadurga.

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Review of II PU history textbook put on hold

Lesson on Ambedkar will be re-edited to reinstate his description as 'architect of Constitution', says Education Minister

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The review of II Pre-University history textbook has been put on hold for now, as the Rohith Chakrathirtha-led textbook revision committee has been dissolved. The committee had been earlier tasked with reviewing the lesson "Hosa Dharmagala Udaya" (genesis of new faiths) in the textbook. But Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai dissolved the committee last week following controversy over the revision of Class 1 to X textbooks.

"Now that the committee has been dissolved, the review of II PU history textbook has been put on hold for now. We will look into it at a later stage," said B.C. Nagesh, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education.

AIDSO members protesting against the newly revised textbooks in Bengaluru. • K. MURALI KUMAR

The entire exercise of revision by the Mr. Chakrathirtha-led panel had begun after objections were raised to this particular lesson by the Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha in 2021.

Meanwhile, Mr. Nagesh said the government will also re-edit the lesson on B.R. Ambedkar, following objections by the Dalit organisations. After objections were raised by Lingayat and Dalit community leaders over how lessons on Basaveshwara and Ambedkar were edited, allegedly to suppress their critique on caste hierarchy, the Chief Minister had last week announced that the lesson on Basaveshwara would be re-edited.

Speaking on the lesson on Ambedkar, Mr. Nagesh said, "In the revised textbooks, the adjective "Samvidhana Shilpi" (architect of the Constitition) to describe Dr. Ambedkar had been left out, which will be reinstated." When asked over the objections raised about "suppression" of Ambedkar's critique of caste hierarchy, Mr. Nagesh said the government had asked three teachers to look into the lessons on Ambedkar. Based on their report, the government would re-edit them. "We have an open mind about re-editing any parts of the lesson that are objectionable," he said.

BJP leaders object

Meanwhile, criticism about textbook revision by Mr. Chakrathirtha has also come from leaders from within the ruling BJP. Speaking in Mysuru, BJP MLA B. Harshavardhan criticised deletion of reference to Ambedkar as "architect of the Constitution." The MLA said he, along with Chamarajanagar MP and former Minister V. Srinivas Prasad, would meet Mr. Bommai on Wednesday to submit a memorandum for continuing with the old textbooks.

BJP begins 'chaddi' campaign against Siddaramaiah

BJP leader Chalavadi Narayanaswamy collecting shorts to be given to former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The tussle between the Opposition Congress and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party over the former's criticism of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) intensified on Tuesday, with the BJP workers collecting and carrying hundreds of *chaddis* (shorts) to the official residence of Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah in a symbolic protest.

NSUI protest

The BJP is irked over the former Chief Minister's recent remarks on RSS. Reacting to National Students' Union of India (NSUI) members burning a pair or khaki shorts (worn by the RSS cadre) outside Education Minister B.C. Nagesh's house in Tumakuru, in protest against "saffronisation" of textbooks, he had questioned how it was a crime to burn a pair of shorts. He had threatened to launch a campaign of burning shorts if the arrested NSUI activists were not released.

Protesting against these statements, BJP workers, led by Dalit leader Chalawadi Narayaanswamy, carried bundles of shorts collected from people from different places to Mr. Siddaramaiah's residence on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Mr. Narayanaswamy maintained that burning shorts in public was "an insult to farmers who grow cotton and tailors who stitch them." "Also, such a public burning would lead to increase in pollution. Police would have to take action against Mr. Siddaramaiah for taking up such a campaign that affects people's health," he said.

In Mandya, BJP State vice-president B.Y. Vijayendra said that it was not befitting on the part of a leader of the stature of Mr. Siddaramaiah to speak lightly about the RSS.

Ex-CM retorts

Meanwhile, Mr. Siddaramaiah responded to the 'chaddi' campaign in a series of sarcastic tweets, saying that the party designating a Dalit leader to carry out such a campaign shows its "disregard to the community."

"I was saddened to see you carrying old shorts of other people. I would instead have liked to see you in the position of Rohith Chakrathirtha who heads the textbook revision committee," he said, referring to Mr. Narayanaswamy leading the campaign, adding that a Dalit is an "untouchable" even to this day in the highest positions of RSS.

He urged Mr. Narayanaswamy to learn a "lesson in self-respect" from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Cong. protest tomorrow

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday said the party will hold a protest in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue at the Secretariat on Thursday urging the State government to withdraw the revised school textbooks.

All legislators, MPs, and leaders of the party would participate in the protest which would start from 10 a.m. on Tuesday, he said.

Speaking to reporters at the party office here, Mr. Shivakumar said that the revised textbooks have hurt the sentiments of a few communities and it should be "thrown into dustbin." Textbook committee headed by Rohith Chakrathirtha had insulted several Kannada poets either by wrongly interpreting facts or dropping the relevant content, he claimed.

Sankalpa Shibiras

On holding the party's Sankalpa Shibiras in districts, the KPCC chief said District Congress Committees would organise them from June 11 to 14.

Lingayat seers set 10-day deadline for govt.

They met in Dharwad to discuss 'distortion' of history of great personalities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

Several prominent Lingayat seers met in Dharwad on Tuesday to discuss what they termed "distortion" of history of great personalities and set a 10-day deadline to the State government to rectify the mistakes.

Around 21 seers, including Sri Siddarama Swami of Gadag Tontadarya Mutt, Sri Gurusiddha Rajayogindra Swami of Moorusavir Mutt, Ganga Mataji and Basava Jayamrutyunjaya Swami of Koodalasangama, Nijaguna Tontadarya Swami, and Mallikarjun Murugharajendra Swami took part in the meeting.

Addressing a press conference after the meeting in Dharwad, Sri Panditaradhya Shivacharya Swami of Sanehalli Taralabalu Mutt said that the textbook revision committee had done the job of imposing 'vedic religion' on children by distorting historical facts about Basavanna in the Social Science textbook of Class 9. "Basavanna rejected the vedic tradition and 'janivara' (sacred thread) and founded Lingayat religion by giving the concept of 'Arive Guru' (realisation is teacher). However, the committee has disreputed him by distorting facts," he said.

"Basavanna opposed sexual inequalities, superstitions, homa and other rituals and stood for embracing all. But unwanted, unrelated unwanted things have been said about him. This apart, false information has been given on Kuvempu, Dr. Ambedkar and other great leaders. We will revise the lesson on Basavanna and submit it to the government. Either it can accept it or rectify it on its own. If no action is taken within 10 days, we will meet again to chalk out the next course of agitation," he said.

JD(S) offers exchange of second preference votes to Congress

RS POLLS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Former Chief Minister and JD (S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy on Tuesday offered to trade the party's second preference votes with the Congress in the coming Rajya Sabha polls in a bid to defeat the BJP's third candidate.

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru, Mr. Kumaraswamy said JD(S) was ready to cast its 32 second preference votes in favour of the Congress's second candidate Mansoor Ali Khan if the latter pledges its 24 second preference votes for JD(S) candidate Kupendra Reddy.

He revealed that the Congress's general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala spoke to him on June 2 and sought the JD(S) support for their second candidate. The offer has already been passed on to Mr. Surjewala, who promised to send an emissary to discuss the matter. "But, nobody has come yet," he said.

"If the main agenda of the Congress is to defeat the BJP, let them accept our offer and prove their secular credentials," Mr. Kumaraswamy said.

Rejecting Mr. Siddaramaiah's call for withdrawal of the JD(S) candidate from the Rajya Sabha poll fray, Mr. Kumaraswamy said he understood the Congress too will find it difficult to withdraw its second candidate even though the latter is staring at the prospect of elimination in the counting. "The best formula would be to trade the second preference votes and give the JD(S) candidate a chance," Mr. Kumaraswamy claimed.

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda had spoken to All-India Congress Committee (AICC) leader Sonia Gandhi for the party's support even before fielding JD(S) candidate. Similarly, Mr. Kumaraswamy said he had also spoken to Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D.K. Shivakumar over phone when Mr. Reddy called on him seeking the party's support. While most Congress leaders were ready to accept the offer, Mr. Siddaramaiah was not in favour, Mr. Kumaraswamy claimed.

If the Congress was serious about defeating the BJP, the Congress could have discussed the matter with the JD(S) before fielding its candidate. "The Congress did not approach us with any request not to field a candidate before we announced our candidate. So, Mr. Deve Gowda contacted Ms. Gandhi and sought the support of their 24 surplus votes for our candidate," he said.

He claimed that the Congress leaders decided to field a second candidate by convincing their party's central leaders that they will ensure cross-voting by 8 to 10 JD (S) legislators. Also, the BJP would not have fielded its third candidate Lehar Singh if the Congress had not nominated a second candidate, the JD(S) leader claimed.

Siddaramaiah has no other issue to speak of: Bommai

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday said that Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah has no other issue to speak of other than the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and keeps on raking up issues related to it.

Speaking to mediapersons, Mr. Bommai said the people of the State have been watching all political developments and statements of leaders of the Congress. Further, he said, "I hope good sense will prevail on him."

BJPLP meeting

The BJP Legislature Party meeting would be convened on Wednesday in the backdrop of the Rajya Sabha elections to four seats scheduled on Friday, Mr. Bommai said.

'Process of appointment of Lokayukta under way'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The appointment to the post of Lokayukta is under active consideration of the State authorities, Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi of the High Court of Karnataka told a litigant on Tuesday during the hearing on a PIL petition complaining about the post being left vacant for about four months.

Pointing out that the process of appointment of Lokayukta also involves the Chief Minister and the Chief Justice, among others, and that there is no requirement of a PIL plea on the issue as the appointment process is under way, the Chief Justice said during the hearing of a PIL petition before a Division Bench, also consisting of Justice Ashok S. Kinagi.

However, petitioner Umapathi S., a city-based advocate, told the Bench that the petition may be kept pending till the government notifies the appointment of a new person to the post while pointing out that the post is vacant since January 28, 2022.

The petitioner has also pointed out that not appointing Lokayukta has impacted the rights of the citizens in complaining about corruption and maladministration, besides impacting the old complaints that require inquiry and adjudication by the Lokayukta under the Karnataka Lokayukta (KL) Act, 1984.

As per the KL Act, the Governor will have to appoint Lokayukta on the advice tendered by the Chief Minister in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, the Chairman, Karnataka Legislative Council, the Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly, the Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Council and the Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients propose to purchase the below mentioned Property from **Sri.A.Gopinath Tunga**, No.4, K.T.Apartments, 46th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 041, who represented that he purchased the Schedule Property from Dr. K.Srinivasan in terms of a Sale Deed dated 16/08/2002 registered as Document No.8441/2002-03 in Book-I in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore. Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Ten days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not bind my clients and my clients will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/objections.

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North by : Road;
South by : Site Nos.270 and 271.

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No. SABVMRCI/E-TENDER/LIB/04/2022-23 Dated: 07.06.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed e-tenders are invited by interested eligible firms in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Pulic Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 20000 for **Supply of Medical Books and Journals for Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru.**

Time Schedule for the tender:

1) Tender Reference No.: **SABVMRCI/E-TENDER/LIB/04/2022-23, Dated: 07/06/2022**. 2) Date of Commencement of download of tender document from e-procurement website http://eproc.karanataka.gov.in : **From 10/06/2022**. 3) Date of online queries: **14/06/2022 up to 04:00 PM.** 4) Last date and time for uploading of E-Tender in E-Procurement portal: **24/06/2022 up to 04:00 PM.** 5) Date and time of online opening of technical bids : **27/06/2022 at 11:00 AM.** 6) Address for communication : Shri Atal Bihari Vajapayee Medical College & Research Institute, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560 001. Phone: +91-8431186388, E-mail: sabvmcri@gmail.com. Tender Fee DD of **Rs: 5000/-** (non-refundable) for Director Cum Dean Shri Atal Bihari Vajapayee Medical College & Research Institute, Shivajinagar.

Sd/- Director Cum Dean
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The general public is hereby informed that my clients intend to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner **Mr. Farid Ahmed,** son of late Shakoor A. Sait residing at G-1, Nasheman Apartments, 30 Hospital Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560001, he having acquired title to the same under a Sale Deed dated 15.12.2016 registered as Document No. 6317/2016-17 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Mahadevapura, Bangalore.

All persons having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my clients will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential **Apartment No.16125,** having **PID No. 63/P-16125** situated on Level 12 of Block 16 **'Park Slope'** in **"PRESTIGE SHANTINIKETAN"** measuring **4171 sq.ft** of Super built up area, with **One linked covered Car parking** space in the Basement level and inclusive of proportionate share in common areas along with **1451 sq. ft** undivided share in the property bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No. 13/288, Sy Nos. 130(P), 129/2, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/1, 74/2, 77/1A, 77/2A, 77/1B, 77/2B and 78 totally measuring 66 acres 11 guntas in Hoodi and Sadaramangala, Whitefield Sub-Division, Bengaluru and the apartment bounded on:

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On the West by : Apartment No. 16126 in level 12 in Block 16- 'Park Slope' in "PRESTIGE SHANTINIKETAN"
On the North by : Entrance and Lobby in level 12 in Block 16- 'Park Slope' in "PRESTIGE SHANTINIKETAN"
On the South by : Open towards Open Space in Block 16- 'Park Slope' in "PRESTIGE SHANTINIKETAN"

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OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Online Tenders are invited through e-Procurement Mode for the following item from reputed manufacturers directly or through their accredited agents in India required for NMDC Ltd, BIOM, Bacheli Complex, Kirandul Complex, Dantewada (Dist) of Chhattisgarh (State) and DIOM, Donimalai Complex, Bellary (Dist) of Karnataka (State)- India

Description of Equipment	Qty (No.)	Pre-Bid meeting	Display of Tender Document Period	Last date (Tentative) & Time for submission of offer	Earnest Money Deposit
Rear Dump Truck 100 Ton capacity along with Operation and Maintenance Spares for 6 years / 18000 Hours whichever is earlier.	11	18.06.2022 at 11.00 AM	**DRAFT:** 08-06-2022 to 18-06-2022 **FINAL(Tentative dates):** 28-06-2022 to 12-07-2022	12.07.2022 by 02.30 PM	Rs. 5000000/-

Complete Tender document is available in website www.nmdc.co.in, www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome & http://eprocure.gov.in
Any corrigendum to the above tender will be uploaded only on our website www.nmdc.co.in and will not be published. Prospective bidders should visit the above NMDC Limited website from time to time to take note of corrigendum, if any.
For further details logon to Tender Section of our website: www.nmdc.co.in .

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BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

1. On behalf of the President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering mode for the following works.

NIT No	Name of the work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Period of completion
MCF/CMG/HI/eTN-03/2022-23 Dtd. 01.06.2022	Upgradation of Quarters (Phase-IV) at Antharikshanagar Housing Colony of MCF Hassan (Civil, PH & Electrical Works).	95,37,161/-	1,90,744/-	12 Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded : From 04.06.2022 10:00 Hrs. to 15.06.2022 17:00 Hrs				
Period for Bid clarification: From 04.06.2022 10:01 Hrs. 16.06.2022 17:00 Hrs.				
Last Date and time of reply to Bid clarifications : 17.06.2022 17:30 Hrs.				
Last date and time for receipt of tenders : 18.06.2022 17:00 Hrs.				
Due date & time of opening of tenders : On 22.06.2022 from 11:30 Hrs onwards				

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website **www.isro.gov.in**. The bid forms and other details can be downloaded from the website: **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**. All corrigendums, addendums, clarifications etc. will be uploaded in the tenderwizard portal only and will not be published in news papers. Bidders may regularly visit the website for any updates.

Division Head, CCMD-CMG

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

S.SHANMUGAVADIVEL
B.A.,B.L.,D.SS.
Rtd. Asst. Commissioner of Labour, Chennai.
Fondly remembered by the FAMILY

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

R.PADMAVATHI
"A decade Ago, you took my heart, am suffering alone."
Radhakrishnan R (RK)

DEATH

M.GNANAPRAGASAM (65), Retired Senior Executive - Telephones, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 06-06-2022. Address: 14-A, Sabari Nagar, Vinayagapuram, Chennai-600099. Contact: 7299919040

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

NAMBUNGAL R.NARAYANAN
DOD - 08.06.2010
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IN BRIEF

BJP MLA booked for offensive remarks

HYDERABAD

Telangana BJP legislator from Goshamahal T. Raja Singh was on Tuesday booked for outraging religious beliefs by allegedly making derogatory and insulting remarks against Ajmer Sharif Dargah in Rajasthan.

Kerala HC relief for Vijay Babu till Friday

KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Tuesday extended till Friday its interim directive to the police not to arrest actor Vijay Babu in a rape case filed by an actor. The court also adjourned to Friday the actor's another anticipatory bail petition in a second case registered against him.

Gold smuggling case accused levels charges against Pinarayi

Raises allegations against K.T. Jaleel, C.M. Raveendran

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Swapna Suresh, an accused in the diplomatic channel gold smuggling case, levelled allegations against Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his family members besides some top bureaucrats, including M. Sivasankar, the former Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, in connection with some smuggling activities.

Swapna also raised allegations against K.T. Jaleel, a Minister in the previous Cabinet led by Mr. Vijayan, and C.M. Raveendran, who was in the Chief Minister's Office earlier.

Swapna Suresh

The allegations on the involvement of these persons in various smuggling activities were made in a statement given before a magistrate in Ernakulam under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), she said.

The section deals with recording of any confession or statement made to a Judicial magistrate in the course of an investigation or at any time afterwards before the commencement of an inquiry or a trial. The magistrate shall also inform the person who is making the confession that he/she is not bound to make a confession and such confessions shall be used as evidence against him.

For a statement made under Sec 164 to become legally valid, the person who is making the statement shall stick to it in the court which would be trying the case. If the person who makes such sworn statements retracts from it later, the person shall be tried for the offence of perjury, legal sources indicated.

If the person who is making the allegations fails to produce evidence before a court of law to substantiate the allegations, the statements made under Section 164 ends up as a statement with no evidential value, a legal expert said.

In this case, the statements of Swapna appeared to be based on hearsay, which may be of no legal consequence as hearsay evidence is considered to be of no evidence. It will be the responsibility of Swapna to bring to court evidence to substantiate the allegations, which appeared to be *per se* defamatory in nature, he said. As the contents of the statements will not be available in public domain, the veracity of the public statement cannot be ascertained and its contents will be known only at the trial stage.

Police register case against BJP MLA Raghunandan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Hyderabad police investigating the minor's gangrape in Jubilee Hills registered a criminal case against BJP MLA M. Raghunandan Rao on Tuesday over the legislator releasing some pictures and a video clip connected to the crime.

The Abids police of Hyderabad commissionerate booked the case invoking Section 228A of Indian Penal Code against the legislator, after an advocate Komireddy Karam lodged a complaint the previous day. Mr. Karam said in his complaint that the pictures and the video clip revealed identity of the victim which was in gross violation of the directions of the Supreme Court.

Releasing the pictures and the video clip would have caused 'colossal distress' to the victim, he said adding that it also amounted to interference in the administration of justice.

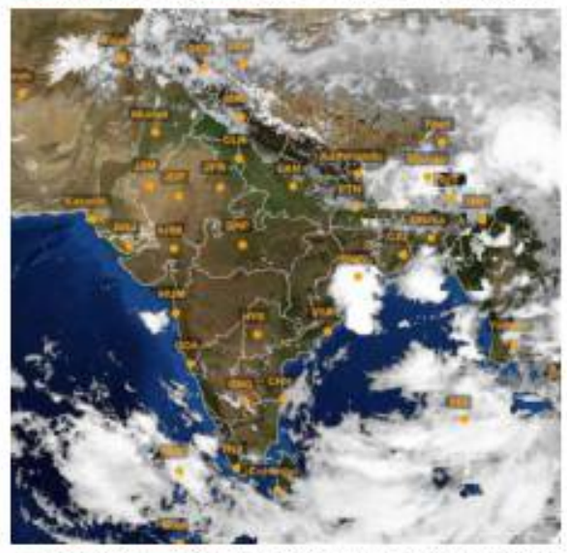
Speaking to regional TV news channels, the lawyer said the legislator should explain from where he secured the pictures and the video clip and book cases against the persons who gave that material to him.

Mr. Raghunandan Rao, who is also a criminal lawyer, said he was aware of the legal provisions on the subject and maintained that he did not violate any law.

"I did not show the victim's picture, mention her name or details of her parents. I released the pictures and video clip since the police were not disclosing details of the accused some of whom were wards of MIM public representatives," Mr. Rao said.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, south interior Karnataka and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	34.5	27.6	Kozhikode	1	33.0	26.0
Ahmedabad	–	42.0	27.9	Kurnool	1	38.1	26.7
Aizawl	–	29.7	21.3	Lucknow	–	42.7	29.9
Allahabad	–	45.3	28.6	Madurai	3	34.0	25.0
Bengaluru	0.8	29.0	21.1	Mangaluru	–	31.3	24.9
Bhopal	–	–	29.2	Mumbai	–	34.5	28.4
Bhubaneswar	–	36.6	27.3	Mysuru	12	31.0	21.2
Chandigarh	–	45.2	30.0	New Delhi	–	43.5	27.6
Chennai	–	38.3	27.3	Patna	–	38.6	26.8
Coimbatore	–	31.0	25.0	Port Blair	46	27.0	23.5
Dehradun	–	40.2	25.7	Puducherry	34.7	33.0	21.8
Gangtok	1.4	21.1	17.3	Pune	–	35.1	25.0
Goa	–	33.2	24.8	Raipur	–	45.1	29.3
Guwahati	0.2	33.0	25.9	Ranchi	–	38.8	26.7
Hubballi	–	30.0	23.0	Shillong	4	25.1	17.9
Hyderabad	–	40.8	27.4	Shimla	–	33.6	24.4
Imphal	–	32.1	22.3	Srinagar	–	31.4	15.5
Jaipur	–	41.9	32.8	Thiruvananthapuram	24	30.5	24.9
Kochi	21	29.2	24.2	Tiruchi	36	33.7	23.5
Kohima	4	25.2	16.4	Vijayawada	–	42.4	27.2
Kolkata	–	36.8	29.2	Visakhapatnam	7	33.4	26.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	11	12	–	215	200	
Bengaluru	29	23	104	–	58	
Chennai	15	15	57	64	74	
Delhi	19	151	36	240	342	
Hyderabad	28	36	36	63	107	
Kolkata	17	13	20	70	106	
Lucknow	6	106	42	300	235	
Mumbai	4	160	54	53	56	
Pune	116	20	85	100	74	
Visakhapatnam	13	65	31	103	120	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 397 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanagara, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 30

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Tourists to Hogenakkal banned as water level increases

Inflow rate crossed 16,000 cusecs on Tuesday

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
DHARMAPURI/SALEM

Entry of tourists to Hogenakkal has been temporarily banned as the inflow into the Cauvery crossed 16,000 cusecs on Tuesday. The administration has also ordered an immediate suspension of coracle operations.

Water has been discharged from Kabini and Krishnaraja Sagar reservoirs in Karnataka owing to continuous rain. Collector S. Dhivyadarshini issued orders banning tourists' entry into the river and the waterfall.

"Public are also forbidden from crossing the river or bathing of the livestock in the river. The ban on tourists and coracle operations will remain in place until further orders," the Collector said.

A ban on coracle operations will be in place until further orders, says Collector.

Meanwhile, the inflow into the Mettur dam increased to 10,410 cusecs on Tuesday. Public Works Department officials said rain was the reason for the increase.

Water has been discharged from Kabini and Krishnaraja Sagar reservoirs in Karnataka owing to continuous rain

Water level in the dam stood at 114.75 feet on Tuesday against its full capacity of 120 feet. The storage was 85,344 mcft. The inflow into the dam increased to 10,410 cusecs from Monday's inflow of 6,417 cusecs. The discharge into the Cauvery river continued to be 8,000 cusecs.

Mekedatu: Tamil Nadu moves SC against CWMA

'The subject is beyond its jurisdiction'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu has filed a fresh plea in the Supreme Court for a direction to the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) not to discuss Karnataka's Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project at its June 17 meeting, Minister for Water Resources Duraimurugan said on Tuesday. *The Hindu* on Tuesday published a report on the CWMA deciding to take up the issue for discussion.

In a June 4 reply to a communication, dated May 25, which said the CWMA could take up the issue for discussion, the Tamil Nadu government contended that the project would be in violation of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal's final order, as modified by the Supreme Court in February 2018, and the set-up and functions of the CWMA. "At the 16th meeting [scheduled for June 17], the Tamil Nadu representative will strongly oppose this and point out that this subject is beyond the jurisdiction of the CWMA," Mr. Duraimurugan said in a statement. Tamil Nadu would continue to take steps to protect the interests of its farmers and people, he said.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, at his meeting with Prime Minister in June last year, requested him to urge Karnataka to drop the project.

Woman 'sees' dead husband in snake

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BELAGAVI

A woman in a Bagalkot village spent four days with a snake that she believed was the reincarnation of her dead husband.

Sharada Mounesh Kumbar, a worker from Kulahalli near Rabakavi, believed that the rat snake that had entered her house a few days ago was her husband Mounesh Kumbar, a potmaker, who died two years ago. The snake entered through an open window on a rainy night. And, she noticed it the next morning.

"She said she kept feeding it milk and water," Basavanneppa Kumbar, one of her neighbours, said. Finally, some relatives helped her see that it was a reptile from the wild that had lost its way. A snake catcher was summoned who then caught it and released into the nearby jungle.

Kicking art

With all might: Taekwondo players showing their skills on the last day of the summer camp organised by the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh at IGMC Stadium in Vijayawada on Tuesday. •K.V.S. GIRI

121 get police nod to use loudspeakers in Bengaluru

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The city police have granted permission to 121 applicants to use loudspeakers, while the rest of the applications are under process, Bengaluru Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy said here.

To a question about the status of the loudspeaker issue, Mr. Reddy said that the city police received a total of 959 applications, out of which permission has been granted for 121 to use loudspeakers, as per the Supreme Court guidelines and prescribed limits. The remaining applications are being processed by a committee comprising the jurisdictional ACPs and officials from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, he added.

A.P. farmers given tractors under YSR Yantra Seva

STAFF REPORTER
GUNTUR

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy here on Tuesday launched YSR Yantra Seva, a scheme under which the farmers across the State are provided tractors and combined harvesters ahead of the kharif season.

The Chief Minister, on the occasion, also credited an amount of ₹175 crore towards subsidy into the bank accounts of 5,260 farmer groups.

At the programme, Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy flagged off the 1,200 tractors and 20 combined harvesters that were handed over to the farmers from eight districts.

Addressing a public meeting later, the Chief Minister said his government was hand holding the farmers right from the stage of sowing seeds to marketing of agricultural produce.

The tractors provided to farmers as part of YSR Yantra Seva, in Guntur.

The government would establish 10,750 YSR Yantra Seva Kendras in every Rythu Bharosa Kendra at a cost of ₹2,016 crore, the Chief Minister said.

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Suspected terrorist arrested in Bengaluru

A police spokesman said the Kishtwar police worked on leads and obtained his whereabouts. "The police preempted his move to affect the revival of militancy in the area as he got arrested after dodging the police and other security agencies for a long time," the police said.

The J&K police communicated with the Bengaluru police seeking support. The Srirampura police started recceing the area to keep tabs on Talib. The special team of police reached the city and stayed in a lodge at Majestic for a few days while monitoring the movements of Talib before he was picked up.

The Bengaluru police and officials of the internal security division are coordinating with their J&K counterparts to find out more details about Talib's activities and his contacts in Bengaluru. C.H. Pratap Reddy, Bengaluru Police Commissioner, said the State agencies and the city police were probing about Talib's presence, his activities and network. Inquiries so far revealed that Talib stayed in a rented house on a mosque's premises with his wife and three children from the last eight months. He worked as a labourer and also assisted the mosque committee with charity work, sources said. Talib was living under a different name and also had an Aadhaar card, as well as a phone with a SIM purchased at a local store. The police are now checking his activities and contacts to ascertain whether he had any subversive plans.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "It's an ongoing process. The police will keep an eye on the movement of suspects, and the State police will extend all possible help."

Five held for repeatedly raping a minor girl

Two among the culprits are minors

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

A 15-year-old girl was allegedly raped repeatedly by five persons, including two minor boys. The assault had been taking place since March, and came to light on Monday after Karkhana police officials in Hyderabad registered a case on May 30. They later initiated arrests of suspects and started the judicial process last week.

Police said the parents had observed their daughter to be depressed and their suspicions were directed to her frequent sleepovers at friends' places. The girl was taken to a medical professional after which the SHE teams police spoke with the girl, leading to her statement being recorded.

According to the police, the girl was violated separately and in multiple instances by the five persons. She was taken to hotels and lodges at L.B. Nagar, Gachibowli and other places. Additionally, it is being alleged that sometimes her drinks were spiked and her pictures in intimate and compromising position were also captured on phones.

It was reported that the girl, at times, was subjected to force. She was tricked time and again into submission and was told that all her content would be deleted.

The police said all the culprits have been arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

TTD scheme to help infants with ailments

Cost of medicines, surgical material and implants to be funded from donations

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TIRUMALA

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has launched 'Sri Venkateswara Apanna Hrudaya Scheme' at its Padmavati Children Heart Centre in Tirupati, with an intention to accept donations that shall support the cost of consumables such as medicines, oxygenators, surgical material and implants needed for cardiac surgery performed on newborns.

The TTD has fixed the donation amount for each cardiac surgery or intervention at ₹1 lakh. In an attempt to encourage the donors, it has decided to display the name of philanthropists at the hospital.

Considering the growing cases of children born with congenial heart defects, the TTD resolved to set up an exclusive paediatric hospital in May 2020. The fact that eight to 12 children in every 1,000 live births are born with heart ailments and one third of them need lifesaving interventions during their first year of birth motivated it to set up the hospital.

A nurse attending to a newborn after a surgery at the TTD's Padmavati Children Heart Centre. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

At present, the hospital has 70 beds, 40 ICU care beds, three laminar flow operation theatres, catheterization lab and advanced diagnostic equipment to treat the children with heart ailments, besides the required infrastructure to perform surgeries and other lifesaving interventions.

Initially, it had asked the philanthropists who came forward to donate ₹1 crore or above. However, the trust board, of late, is flooded with requests from people across the sections of the society to provide them an opportunity to be a part of the noble cause, officials say.

To promote the scheme, the TTD has decided to extend benefits such as one-time break darshan to the donor's family members not exceeding five persons excluding ticket charges and permit the donor firms to sponsor equivalent number of persons in break darshan.

Chancellor conundrum

The time may have come to reconsider having Governors as university Chancellors

The West Bengal government's decision to make the Chief Minister the Chancellor of State-run universities, instead of the Governor, appears to be an outcome of the severely strained relations between Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. They have often differed on issues concerning the appointment of Vice-Chancellors and the functioning of universities. Mr. Dhankhar had alleged that VCs were appointed without the approval of the Chancellor, the appointing authority; on some occasions, VCs had not turned up for a meeting with the Governor-Chancellor. Friction has arisen elsewhere too. Tamil Nadu recently passed Bills to empower the State government, instead of the Chancellor, to appoint VCs. It also passed a separate Bill to establish a new university for alternative systems of medicine with the Chief Minister as its Chancellor. The Bills are yet to receive the Governor's assent. In Kerala, there is a different kind of controversy, with Governor Arif Mohammed Khan asking the Chief Minister to take over the Chancellor's role in the light of alleged political interference in the functioning of universities. These developments underscore that the conferment of statutory roles to Governors may be a source of friction between elected regimes and Governors who are seen as agents of the Centre.

The original intent of making Governors hold the office of Chancellor and vesting some statutory powers on them was to insulate universities from political influence. Even in the 1980s, as noted by the Justice R.S. Sarkaria Commission, the use of discretion by some Governors in some university appointments had come in for criticism. It acknowledged the distinction between the Governor's constitutional role and the statutory role performed as a Chancellor, and also underlined that the Chancellor is not obliged to seek the government's advice. However, it did say there was an obvious advantage in the Governor consulting the Chief Minister or the Minister concerned. The Justice M.M. Punchhi Commission, which examined Centre-State relations decades later, was quite forthcoming in its 2010 report. Noting that the Governor should not be "burdened with positions and powers... which may expose the office to controversies or public criticism", it advised against conferring statutory powers on the Governor. It felt that the practice of making the Governor the Chancellor of universities ceased to have relevance. Quite presciently, it took note of the potential for friction: "... Ministers will naturally be interested in regulating university education, and there is no need to perpetuate a situation where there would be a clash of functions and powers." The time may have come for all States to reconsider having the Governor as the Chancellor. However, they should also find alternative means of protecting university autonomy so that ruling parties do not exercise undue influence on the functioning of universities.

Weakened in victory

Boris Johnson survived a no-confidence vote in his party, but faces tougher challenges

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson managed to survive Monday's no-confidence vote against him within the Conservative Party but the fact that 41% of the party lawmakers rebelled against his leadership is a steep fall for a Prime Minister who, just three years ago, led the Conservatives to their greatest victory since Margaret Thatcher's 1987 triumph. When the Johnson-led Tories clinched an 80-seat majority in Parliament, bringing down even the "red wall" of Labour in the Midlands and industrial north, many expected an easy full term for the hardline Brexiteer. But Mr. Johnson's prospects changed after reports that he held social gatherings at Downing Street when the rest of the country was in a lockdown imposed by his government. The result is a relief for Mr. Johnson. Of the 359 Conservative MPs, 211 supported him (59%). As per the party rules, the rebels cannot challenge his leadership for one year. But the bigger-than-expected rebellion has already dealt a blow to his leadership. His immediate predecessor, Theresa May, survived a no-confidence vote within the party in 2018 with 63% support among Tory MPs, but she did not survive in office for more than six months. In 1990, Thatcher won a confidence vote, but quit immediately thereafter. History offers grim lessons for Mr. Johnson's future.

While the catalyst for the rebellion was Mr. Johnson's lockdown parties, his government is facing bigger problems. Inflation has already hit a 40-year high and many economists predict a recession. The U.K.'s celebrated exit from the EU, which Mr. Johnson personally championed, may have aggravated the economic woes of the country. Brexit complicated the U.K.'s trade with the EU, its largest trading partner, and shut down a primary source of cheap labour. Mr. Johnson tried to deflect some of the domestic pressure by taking a strong position against Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The U.K. was in the forefront of the western bid to punish Russia with crippling economic sanctions, and supplied advanced weapons to Ukrainian forces. However, it did not have the desired outcome. Russia's aggression and the subsequent sanctions made the cost-of-living crisis across the West much worse. According to pollsters, the Labour Party is now much ahead of the Conservatives in nationwide opinion polls. The next major test for Mr. Johnson would be the June 23 by-election for the Wakefield and Tiverton and Honiton constituencies. If the Conservatives lose them, as opinion polls predict, that would add further pressure on the Prime Minister. Growing rebellion within the party, an economic crunch and rising unpopularity among voters all present Mr. Johnson the toughest time of his career.

The weight of the GST Council ruling

The Supreme Court judgment is a treatise on the democratic and federal imports of the GST legislations

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In *Union of India Anr. vs Mohit Minerals Pvt. Ltd.*, the Supreme Court of India on May 19, 2022 while deciding on a petition relating to the levy of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) on ocean freight paid by the foreign seller to a foreign shipping company, ruled, "The recommendations of the GST Council are not binding on either the Union or the States...". While the issue before the Court was with reference to the levy of IGST on a particular transaction, the question is why should the Supreme Court of India have to deliberate at length on the nature of recommendations of the GST Council?

Some States have rejoiced over the ruling and said that this has restored the autonomy of States to legislate on GST.

As a 'super body'

Immediately after the pronouncement of the judgment, the Revenue Secretary of the Government of India said: "... (this) reiterates the scheme of things in the constitution and the GST laws... the council will continue to work in future the way it has worked in the last 5 years." This creates the notion that the Union government is in agreement with this ruling and there is no question of law in this regard.

On the contrary, the Union government (represented by the Additional Solicitor General) submitted to the Supreme Court in this case that the recommendations of the GST Council are binding on the executive and the legislature while they frame laws relating to the GST by the power under Article 246A. Thus, the Government of India was of the opinion that the GST Council could function as a super Parliament/Assembly by sending binding recommendations on laws, rules and regulations with reference to the GST to the Union and State governments.

Article 246A gives powers to the Union and State governments simultaneously to legislate on the GST. In other words, the two tiers of the Indian Union can simultaneously legislate on matters of the GST (except the IGST, which is in the legislative domain of the Union government); obviously it can be inferred that neither of the legislations can supersede each other.

Overridden in some cases

Article 279A stipulates the creation of the GST Council and its functions. The Council has to function as a platform to bring the Union and State governments together, and as a mark of cooperative federalism, the Council shall, unanimously or through a majority of 75% of weighted votes, decide on all matters pertaining to GST and recommend such decisions to the Union and State governments. The purpose of GST, as a harmonised commodity tax, is to make India a single market. The Government of India further argues, "Neither can Article 279A override Article 246A nor can Article 246A be made subject to Article 279A." However, cooperative federalism is to operate through the GST Council to bring in harmony and alignment in matters pertaining to the GST from both governments. Given this background, the Union government had almost delegated the powers to create laws under the GST Act Section 5(1) to the GST Council through repeated use of the phrase "notification on the recommendation of the (GST) council". Hence, the constitutional validity of the Council's recommendation should be upheld; generally, the recommendations of the GST Council could be overridden only in exceptional cases, as argued by the Additional Solicitor General.

While the respondents in this case were represented by several senior lawyers, hardly anyone made a substantive response to the issue of the supremacy of the GST Council in this matter. However, the judges of the Supreme Court have spent nearly a third of

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the 152-page order to deliberate and resolve this issue. Section C of this order gives an elaborate history of the constitutional amendment to bring GST as a tax that could be simultaneously legislated by the Union and State governments. It is a treatise on the democratic and federal imports of the GST legislations.

There is a clear line

In 2013, while replying to a query from the Standing Committee on Finance that was debating the 2011 Constitutional Amendment Bill, the Attorney General emphatically said, "The powers of the legislature over the Finance are sacrosanct and are not affected by the setting up of the GST Council." Thus, in the beginning of the debate on Constitutional Amendment to bring in GST, the clear line of demarcation of powers between the legislature and the GST Council was drawn. However, the issue of conflict between the Union and State governments has to be resolved on a platform such as the GST Council.

The judges of the Supreme Court have recorded, "Since the Constitution does not envisage a repugnance provision to resolve inconsistencies between the Central and State laws on GST, the GST Council must ideally function, as provided by Article 279A(6) in a harmonised manner to reach a workable fiscal model through cooperation and collaboration."

The fact that the Union government holds one-third weight for its votes and all States have two-thirds of the weight for their votes, gives automatic veto power to the Union government because a resolution can be passed with at least three-fourths of the weighted votes. This imbalance in the voting rights between the Union and State governments, makes democratic decision-making difficult. Further, though all the States are not equal in terms of tax capacity, everyone has equal weight for their votes. This creates another political problem as the smaller States with lesser economic stakes can be easily influenced by interest groups.

Debates are more political

Of course in this context, the debates in the GST Council will be on political lines rather than on the economics of taxation; the GST Council has borne witness to several such instances. When the States governed by Opposition parties are vocal on counterpoints, the States governed by the same party at the Union government are mute spectators. It is a fact that States have not got full compensation for the shortfall in GST revenue collection during the COVID-19 pandemic period and that States wanted to extend GST compensation beyond June 2022 given the current recession and widely expected slow growth in effective revenue under the GST. The Union government and States ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party and its alliance partners were not cooperating with States ruled by Opposition parties in reaching an amicable resolution on the issues of compensation during the pandemic period or even for debating the extension of compensation cess after June 2022.

If the contestations are healthy in a federation (and even in such circumstances), it requires extraordinary political acumen and statesmanship from all leaders to strike a balance between the autonomy of legislatures and compromise for obtaining a harmonised commodity tax system. The nuanced understanding of cooperative federalism shows that there is no space for one-upmanship in either of the two tiers of the Indian federal government and particularly for the Union government under a quasi-federal Constitution. Clause 6 of Article 279A reflects this spirit: "While discharging the functions conferred by this article, the Goods and Services Tax Council shall be guided by the need for a harmonised structure of GST and for the development of a harmonised national market for goods and services". In an atmosphere of a non-cooperative Union and State governments, the fear that the GST Council would break down is not unfounded; the responsibility lies on all governments equally, contrary to what the weighted votes reflect.

Given these arguments, the Supreme Court of India adjudicated that the GST Council's recommendations are non-qualified and the simultaneous legislating powers of the Union and State governments give only persuasive value to the Council's recommendations. The power of the recommendations rests on the practice of cooperative federalism and collaborative decision-making in the Council.

Therefore, the submission of the Union government to the Supreme Court of India that the GST Council's recommendations are binding on Parliament/Assembly can be construed as a precursor for a wilful giveaway of the legislative power on commodity taxation to the GST Council which is not the forum for the direct representatives of the people to legislate on any matter. Given the lopsided power structure favouring the Union government in the GST Council, it is against the spirit of democracy and federalism that the finances of governments can be left to such bodies. Finally, it is pertinent to understand that in a democracy, the power to legislate is given to Parliament/Assembly by its people who have curtailed their private autonomy to accept collective decisions. John Locke, the 17th century English philosopher and liberal thinker persuasively said, "The legislative cannot transfer the power of making laws to any other hands: for it being but a delegated power from the people, they who have it cannot pass it over to others...."

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The shadows over global growth recovery are long

The developing economies have to prepare for tighter financial conditions and spillovers from geopolitical volatility

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Though it was not a full recovery from the aftershocks of the COVID-19 pandemic, the global economy was on the mend until the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Economic prospects have worsened since then, exacerbating the divergence between the economic recoveries of advanced economies and those of the developing ones. The prevailing uncertainties in global growth prospects come in the aftermath of frequent disruptions to worldwide supply chains in the last two years with recurrent lockdowns in key manufacturing hubs, creating supply bottlenecks.

As a consequence of the current situation, two key macroeconomic variables have a persistent effect on growth rebound. First, there is a tenacious price pressure, leading to policy trade-offs especially in developing economies; and second, there have been capital outflows and a tightening of financial conditions, affecting investment and growth in the medium and long term.

Inflation concerns

Globally, inflation has become a central concern. In some of the advanced economies, it has reached its highest level in the last 40 years. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), "inflation is expected to remain elevated for longer". For 2022, it says "inflation is projected at 5.7 percent in advanced economies and 8.7 percent in emerging market and developing economies and in 2023 it is projected at 2.5 percent for the advanced economy group and 6.5 percent for emerging market and developing economies". So, for the immediate foreseeable future, commodity prices, oil and gas prices, and with a lag, food prices, would remain high. The major contributors to high inflation are energy and food prices. A spike in oil and gas prices due to a tight fossil fuel supply and geopolitical uncertainty have led to substantial increases in energy costs worldwide. In developing economies, rising food prices have had cascading effects, culminating in higher overall inflation. This gets intensified if poor weather hits harvests and rising oil prices drive up the cost of producing and transporting fertilizers.

Impact on households

In developing economies, higher prices for food impacts different sections of the population differently, depending on the types of food consumed and the share of food expenditure in a household's consumption basket. Households in the low-income strata often consume diets with just one type of grain and are particularly vulnerable to price changes. Higher energy prices affect cereal prices as a result of rising transportation costs and increased input prices such as fertilizers. This is aggravated by shortages due to disruptions in agricultural inputs (especially fertilizers) which impact supply and market availability. Persistent short supply and increases in food and fuel prices could significantly

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increase the risk of social unrest as the poorer sections are pushed to the edge of heightened deprivation.

Capital outflows

Apart from inflation, the other macroeconomic factor impeding growth recovery is the sudden spurt in capital outflows from emerging markets and developing economies. Capital outflows have increased in recent months. Emerging markets suffered their first portfolio outflows in a year in March 2022. The Institute of International Finance (IIF) says "foreign net portfolio outflows for emerging markets came to $9.8 billion in March. Developing stocks lost $6.7 billion, while bonds saw $3.1 billion depart. Investors have become more selective, as higher risk sensitivity mounts due to tighter monetary conditions and rising inflation. Moving forward we see greater volatility on flows dynamics, as some countries have bottomed up and could potentially benefit from higher commodity prices but may also be greatly exposed to risk factors". Interest rates tightening in the United States is associated with capital flow reversals from emerging markets. For developing economies, the result of sudden large capital outflows is currency depreciation and tighter external sector conditions, leading to growth fluctuations. To complicate matters, domestic fiscal policy space has already been eroded in many developing countries by COVID-19-related spending. The increase in global interest rates will further reduce this contracted fiscal space in many economies.

Policy options

Though the factors contributing to high inflation (energy and food prices which are driven by global supply shocks) are beyond the control of central banks, they need to carefully monitor the pass-through of rising international prices to domestic inflation to calibrate their responses. It is also imperative that the pace of policy tightening needs to be attuned to prevailing economic situations and activity levels. Central banks could also signal a readiness to shift the monetary stance to maintain the credibility of their inflation-targeting frameworks by clearly communicating the importance of inflation stabilisation in their objectives and backing it with policy actions. As sudden capital flow reversals can threaten financial stability, foreign exchange interventions could address market imbalances.

As the IMF's 'World Economic Outlook' makes it clear, data from developing countries show that debt levels have touched an all-time high following a huge fiscal expansion in many countries during the novel coronavirus pandemic. Massive expenditure programmes directed toward the health sector and income support measures had become necessary as part of such fiscal expansion. There exists an imperative to prune expenditure and get back to the road of fiscal consolidation. However, a push for consolidation should not prevent governments from prioritising spending to protect and help vulnerable populations affected by price increases and the pandemic. Expenditure pruning should encompass targeted income support measures that can be used to alleviate stress on household budgets. Such measures should be designed to deliver maximum relief to the most vulnerable at lower costs.

Safety nets needed

In the post-pandemic global economy, there will be a likely cross-sectoral labour reallocation. Economies are bracing for transitions and the energy transition could be the most significant one. These transitions require labour market and income support policies that are designed to provide safety nets for workers without hindering employment growth. Along with temporary public support for displaced workers, training programmes and hiring subsidies should remain a priority. The message from the current phase of global growth is clear. Policymakers in the developing economies have to prepare for tighter financial conditions and spillovers from geopolitical volatility. Pockets of elevated vulnerabilities within sections of the population have to be identified for early action and a set of selected prudential tools to target them needs to be devised.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Backlash and after

It is disconcerting to see the powers that be in India to wake up belatedly to try and save the interests and image of the country. It is worrying that hard-earned diplomatic gains appear to be in danger of being damaged or even lost (Page 1 and Editorial, June 7).

The statement by the ruling party that the derogatory remarks made against Islam were by 'fringe elements' is unconvincing.

How do 'fringe elements' become official spokespersons of the party? It goes without saying that targeting and humiliating minorities in the country has become central to the electoral strategy of the ruling party in order to consolidate its main vote bank. An aggressive and dangerous political narrative is not being kept in check. A series of events could have their roots in the hate speeches being aired with audacity and impunity. One hopes that the political leadership ensures that broader national interests are not eclipsed by narrow political interests and that religious bigotry does not come in the way of the country's unity, integrity and prosperity.

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Nadal's greatness

It appears as if Rafael Nadal has all but taken permanent possession of the French Open. Casper Ruud looked out of sorts in the final set as he was unable to sustain the high-octane tennis needed to ruffle Nadal. There is nothing to suggest that Nadal's domination will end any time soon.

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■ How can one describe what Nadal has been achieving at the French Open ever since his debut there? Only in superlative terms! He has a never-say-die attitude and an uncanny ability to read the game and retrieve seemingly lost points. He is inspiration and determination personified. What he has achieved at the Open is unlikely to be surpassed.

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Crime and copyright infringement

Making copyright infringement a cognisable offence will pave the way for police to impinge on civil liberties

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Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra was discharged in 2021 by a judicial magistrate in Aurangabad in a case of copyright infringement filed by a scriptwriter who claimed that *Rang De Basanti* was based on his script. A still from the 2006 film. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Supreme Court of India has passed a far-reaching judgment resolving the question of whether copyright infringement, which is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend up to three years under the Copyright Act of 1957, is a cognisable offence under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973. While the *Knit Pro International v. The State of NCT* judgment is sparse in its reasoning, its conclusion is clear: copyright infringement is a cognisable offence under the CrPC.

In simple English, this means that the police can begin investigations into allegations of copyright infringement on receiving a complaint. If the court had held copyright infringement to be a non-cognisable offence, the police could have started investigations only after a judicial magistrate had taken cognisance of the offence and directed the police to initiate an investigation. The immediate consequence of this judgment is that many copyright owners, especially in the software and music industries, will use the threat of police involvement to scare potential infringers, to extort licence fees in excess of the amount payable in a scenario where the police cannot get involved without prior judicial authorisation. As a result of the offence being made cognisable and non-bailable, it takes away the right of the accused to post a bail bond with the police and shifts the responsibility on to the courts for judicial determination on a case-by-case basis.

Tricky questions of law

There are several reasons to be sceptical about allowing the police to begin criminal investigations into copyright infringement. To begin with, unlike trademark law, it is not mandatory under the Copyright Act to register copyrights as a necessary precondition in order to enforce the same. Rather, a copyright is created the moment a piece of art or music or literature is fixed on a medium, provided it is original. Now, whether or not the said piece of art or music or literature is in fact 'original' is another complicated question of law, especially since a 2008 Supreme Court judgment. Even presuming that the question of originality is undisputed, there is the question of whether the use of the copyrighted work is permissible under all the provisions in Section 52 of the Copyright Act outlining the limitations and exceptions to copyright infringement. One of the provisions in Section 52 deals with 'fair dealing', which in itself a vexatious question of law. Then there are special clauses under the Copyright Act which extinguish copyright in copyrighted works in certain circumstances – for example, if a work is qualified for protection under the Designs Act of 2000, it can no longer claim protection under the Copyright Act once it is reproduced beyond a certain threshold. Even the very question of determination of copyright infringement would require the court to apply the test of substantial similarity (both qualitative and quantitative) on a case-by-case basis.

Any investigation by the police into copyright infringement will have to take into account all of the above issues, many of which have vexed the most experienced of lawyers, judges and academics. As a country, do we have faith in the ability of the average police sub-inspector, given their present levels of training and funding, to conduct an efficient investigation into copyright infringement, particularly on complicated questions of law? We think not.

The deeper question that requires a re-look is the criminalisation of copyright infringement in India. In 1914, when the British extended the Imperial Copyright Act, 1911, to India, copyright infringement was punishable only with a monetary fine. It was independent India that introduced imprisonment for one year as punishment for the offence of copyright infringement in 1957. Since then, the prison term for copyright infringement has been tripled by Parliament to three years.

India's international law obligations under the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) do not require India to criminalise all kinds of copyright infringement. Article 61 of the TRIPS agreement requires criminal measures to be applied for at least "wilful copyright piracy" on a "commercial scale". Although the term copyright piracy itself remains undefined in TRIPS, a World Trade Organization panel in the *China – Enforcement of intellectual property rights* dispute observed that the law does make a distinction between copyright infringement and copyright piracy. In fact, the panel cited negotiating documents to show that the term infringement of copyright on a commercial scale was specifically rejected. Consequently, all piracy of copyrighted works is an act of infringement, but all infringement cannot be termed as piracy. So, for example, a person indulging in the mass reproduction of copyrighted books without the authorisation of the copyright owner would be guilty of copyright piracy. On the other hand, a dispute between two publishing houses on similar content in their textbooks would qualify only as copyright infringement and not copyright piracy. This is an important distinction made in TRIPS because most cases of copyright infringement not amounting to copyright piracy involve tricky questions of law. Establishing guilt beyond reasonable doubt is almost impossible in such cases, given the ambiguity of the law. Why then do we insist on criminalising conduct, where it is not possible for reasonable persons to know with some degree of certainty whether certain acts qualify as criminal conduct, particularly when civil remedies are available?

Criminalising conduct

At best, the Indian Copyright Act makes a distinction between commercial and non-commercial infringement by allowing the courts to impose a sentence of less than six months or a fine of less than ₹50,000. But it does not simply decriminalise acts of infringement that are non-egregious in nature, except where a building/structure is allegedly violating a copyrighted work (for example, in drawings). As a result, almost every Bollywood production house that delivers a box-office success inevitably faces criminal investigations by police forces because of criminal complaints filed by scriptwriters who claim that the 'hit' was based on a script written by them. These cases can then drag out for years. For example, Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra was discharged in November 2021 by a judicial magistrate in Aurangabad in a case of copyright infringement filed by a scriptwriter who claimed that *Rang De Basanti*, which released in 2006, was in fact based on his script.

Unless the law is amended to not only differentiate between the different acts of copyright infringement but also require prior judicial cognisance as a precondition of criminal investigation by the police, the Supreme Court's recent decision will pave the way for the police to impinge on civil liberties, impede the ease of business and have chilling effects on free speech.

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Decoding China's occupation

China could argue that its construction of a bridge on Pangong Tso is peaceful, but that does not make it lawful

ANWAR SADAT

There are three reasons why India should be particularly concerned about China's construction activities on Pangong Tso. One, India's war with China in 1962 revealed its diplomatic miscalculations and inadequacies in defence preparedness. China surprised India with an announcement in 1957 that it had built a road through Aksai Chin linking Tibet and Xinjiang. India protested this move formally in 1958. There is still trauma in India surrounding that war. Two, China does not seem to favour the idea of entering into treaties for resolving territorial disputes and maritime disputes with its neighbours. Recently, China began constructing a bridge on a portion of Pangong Tso which India claims is its international boundary and is within its territory. A portion of the area has been under Chinese control since 1958. The Pangong Tso saw military action between the Indian and Chinese forces in 1962. There were confrontations between the forces of the two countries in 2017, and in 2020, violent clashes resulted in casualties. Three, what is most worrying is that China does not adhere to the general rules of international law; rather, it tries to derive its claims on the basis of historic rights to the detriment of the rights of its neighbours, as is the case with its claims in the South China Sea.

Illegality in international law

China's belligerent action and military strategy to acquire territory place Pangong Tso in the category of occupied and disputed territory. In the eyes of international law, occupation is a temporary phenomenon. The Permanent Court of Arbitration's Award in the Island of Palmas case noted that only the continuous and peaceful display of territorial sovereignty (peaceful in relation to other States) is as good as a title; the title based on contiguity has no standing in international law. India has neither accepted China's unjustified claims on that portion nor its construction activities. Therefore, China cannot take the plea that India has acquiesced; that there is an expression of consent by conduct or inaction by India. In contemporary international law, the most realistic approach to settling a border agreement is to create in each other shared expectations of mutual obligation. What is important is an indication to the other party that a final commitment has been made.

Perhaps the best provisions in contemporary international law for understanding territorial questions are Article 2(3) and Article 2(4) of the UN Charter. All the members are required under Article 2(4) to refrain in their relations with one another from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the UN. All the members have to settle their disputes by peaceful means.

ICJ judgments

China could take the plea that it is building a bridge peacefully; that it not causing damage to human beings or property. There are several judgments by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) relating to a state's non-violent construction of activities in disputed and occupied territory to clarify the situation in Pangong Tso. In 'Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory', the ICJ examined the inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by force. The court took the position that the construction of a wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory case strongly indicated a breach of Article 2(4). The court observed that the construction of the wall created a "fait accompli" on the ground that could well become permanent, and hence tantamount to a *de facto* annexation. Therefore, the ICJ seems to have decided in the case that the construction of the wall amounted to the acquisition of territory by force.

The ICJ judgment in 'Certain Activities Carried out by Nicaragua in the Border Area' is also important in understanding China's moves. The court described the construction of *caños* (pipeline) and deployment of troops in Costa Rica by Nicaragua as a violation of the territorial sovereignty of Costa Rica. It added that Nicaragua's consideration that its activities are within its own territory does not exclude the possibility of characterising the activities as unlawful.

Thus, the fact that China is constructing a bridge on the lake without using armed force or without using fire or causing injury to humans does not make the activity lawful. In the Certain Activities Case, Judge Robinson described Nicaragua's construction activities in Costa Rica as "non-violent use of force". The message from these ICJ judgments is that if a state with the help of its military presence tries to change the status quo peacefully in a disputed and occupied territory, such a move stands to be unlawful.

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STATE OF PLAY

Caste engineering in Telangana

Political parties are busy in their efforts to mobilise various communities in their favour

R. RAVIKANTH REDDY

Since the formation of Telangana, elections have been fought on the 'Telangana versus Andhra Pradesh' narrative. In 2014, as the hangover of the agitation was still strong, people voted against the leaders of Andhra Pradesh and in favour of the K. Chandrashekar Rao-led Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS). The Telangana sentiment was expected to wane in the 2018 Assembly elections, but equations changed when N. Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP) joined hands with its arch rival, the Congress. It once again became a 'Telangana versus Andhra' contest.

But in 2023, the election may be fought along caste issues and several moves indicate that. Mr. Rao has been creating political space for the dominant castes among the Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The BJP too has been carefully wooing the OBCs. The party is openly seeking the support of the Munnuru Kapu community, which is economically and culturally powerful, and the Mudirajus, given the understanding that other dominant OBCs such as the Gouds and Yadavs are tilting towards the TRS. The nomination of former BJP State chief K. Laxman, who hails from the Munnuru Kapu community, to the Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh is a clear indication of this. Two firebrand MPs – Bandi Sanjay and Arvind Dharmapuri – are also from the community. Munnuru Kapus have historically been associated with the Congress. Members of the community occupied key posts in the party before the formation of Telangana. Leaders like V. Hanumantha Rao, D. Srinivas, K. Keshava Rao, and Ponnala Lakshmaiah worked as the Congress chiefs in combined A.P.

A political analyst and Professor at the English and Foreign Languages University says the BJP believes that the influential and affluent Reddy community will sail with the party. Telangana Congress chief A. Revanth Reddy has also been making efforts to seek the support of the Reddy community. He sparked a controversy when he said that the Reddy community was better than the Velamas (the community to which Mr. Rao belongs) in providing leadership and steering a State to development. The Reddy community, which was once identified with the Congress, is now split between the TRS and the BJP. Despite being aware of the backlash within the party for his comment, Mr. Reddy played the card purely to mobilise the caste group against the TRS. The Congress continues to expect support from the Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and OBCs.

But within the SCs too there is caste assertion. IPS officer-turned-politician R.S. Praveen Kumar said he quit bureaucracy only to empower the Dalits through the BSP. His speeches are re- miniscent of the Madiga Reservation Porata Samiti movement launched by Krishna Madiga to demand categorisation of SC reservations for the benefit of the numerically strong Madiga sub-sect.

Meanwhile, the rising political aspirations among the Most Backward Classes (MBCs) cannot be ignored. The MBCs, who have a sizeable population in the State, are now looking at inclusive parties to meet their political aspirations. "The MBCs, who are traditionally Congress voters, should not feel ignored. Their role will be key," says Congress leader Dasoju Sravan.

Muslims too constitute a major section of the population in Telangana. They have supported the TRS in the last two elections but whether they will change their tactics with the perceived rise of the BJP remains to be seen. The Christian community has favoured the Congress so far. Assembly elections may be more than a year away, but political parties are busy in their efforts to mobilise various communities in their favour.

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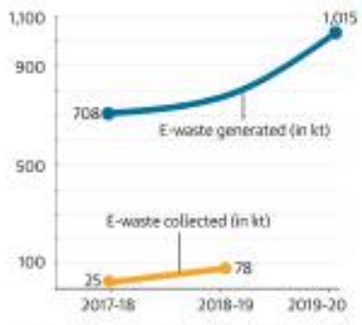
DATA POINT

Mounting e-debris

About 1,000 kilotons (kt) of e-waste were produced in 2019-20 across India, according to a Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) study, mentioned in a report by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE). However, data from the Global E-waste Monitor report by the UN showed that the e-waste produced by India in 2019 was over three times the CPCB figure. The data from the UN report were estimated based on the consumption and the lifespan of electronic and electric equipment in India. Worryingly, only 10% of the e-waste generated in 2018-19 was collected*. India was the third largest producer of e-waste, behind China and the U.S. in 2019, according to the UN data. Generating e-waste without disposal mechanisms contaminates the environment with hazardous metals which have toxic long-term effects on the human body

1. GENERATION VERSUS COLLECTION | TThe chart shows the e-waste generated and collected* in India according to CPCB data. The data account for 21 types of electrical and electronic equipment listed in the E-Waste Management Rules, 2016.



The waste generation increased by over 30% in 2019-20 from the previous year. The share collected* was about 10% or less in the previous years

2. FLAWED DATA? | According to CPCB data, India's total authorised capacity for e-waste collection* was 1,82,544 tonnes in FY20. Strangely, 96% of India's capacity was with West Bengal. Notably, Andhra Pradesh had no authorised capacity though it had a collection centre

Country	No. of e-waste collection centres	Authorised capacity (tonnes)	Waste received at collection centres (tonnes)	Waste stored at collection centres at the start of FY20 (tonnes)	Waste stored at collection centres at the end of FY20 (tonnes)
Andhra	1	0	3.4	4.6	4.8
Kerala	1	90	0	35.6	35.1
M.P.	1	54	-	0	0
Mizoram	1	1,200	0	0	0
Punjab	1	1,200	72.8	0	0
Sikkim	INP*	INP*	131	0	71
T.N.	3	INP*	8.3	0	0
U.P.	1	INP*	22.4	0	0
W.B	1	1,80,000	0.8	0	0
Total	**10**	**1,82,544**	**238.9**	**40.2**	**110.8**

The first two charts are from the Down to Earth magazine OF CSE

*Information not provided

3. IN TOP THREE | The chart shows the top 15 countries which were the largest generators of e-waste in 2019 (in absolute terms). According to the Global E-waste Monitor report by the UN, India produced 3,230 kt of e-waste, ranking third behind China and the U.S.

SOURCE: THE GLOBAL E-WASTE MONITOR, STATE OF INDIA'S ENVIRONMENT 2022 REPORT

4. DANGER AHEAD | The table shows hazardous metals present in e-waste and how the human body is affected due to exposure to such metals

Metals	Component	Toxic effects
Lead	Printed circuit boards, light bulbs, televisions, batteries	Neurodevelopmental, Renal, Cardiovascular, Reproductive
Cadmium	Printer inks and toners,switches, springs, circuit boards, batteries, detectors, mobile phones	Renal, Bone
Mercury	Switches, thermostats, monitors, circuit boards, cold cathode fluorescent lamps, LCD screens	Neurodevelopmental, Renal
Nickel	Batteries, cathode ray tubes	Allergy, Liver
Lithium	Batteries	Lung damage
Barium	Cathode ray tubes, fluorescent lamps	Neurodegenerative disease
Beryllium	Computers, X-ray machines, ceramic components of electronics	Cancer, lung disease

**According to the Environment Ministry guidelines, producers of electrical and electronic equipments are responsible for the collection of end-of-life products*

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 8, 1972

Fresh U.S. raids on Hanoi strongholds

Saigon, June 7: United States warplanes have bombed a bridge and a railway yard in north-eastern North Vietnam within 32 kms. of the Chinese border, a military communique reported to-day. Military sources said it was the closest U.S. fighter planes have come to China during the current series of retaliatory raids against North Vietnam. Using electronically guided bombs, Air Force Phantoms destroyed a highway bridge 16 kms. southwest of Lang Son, the communique said. Lang Son province borders China and its capital, also of the same name is about 40 kms. from the Chinese border crossing town of Ping Hasiang. The military spokesman added that in the same area the Air Force Phantoms bombed a railroad marshalling yard starting "six medium fires". No planes entered Chinese air space, he added. The U.S. Command in Saigon to-day reported a further 270 strikes by jet fighter bombers against North Vietnam in the 24-hour period ended at 17-00 hours yesterday. The jets made a second attack against the Bac Giang thermal power plant, 40 kms. north-east of Hanoi which was a major source of power for "war related industries" in the area, the Command communique said. The bombs made direct hits on the generator buildings and plant but the extent of the damage could not be determined because of cloud cover in the target area, it added.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 8, 1922

White Australia

Adelaide, June 6: Mr. Sastri has arrived. He will deliver addresses here and proceed to Melbourne on Friday.

Melbourne, June 7: Mr. Sastri, tonight delivered a fine address to a big meeting in Victoria Hall. Referring to the "White Australia" policy Mr. Sastri said that neither the Government nor the intelligent people of India desired to question Australia's right to determine the character of her population. It was for Australia not India to judge the "White Australia" policy. India agreed to keep her populace from Australian territories except to the extent to which the Commonwealth chose to relax her laws. Mr. Sastri appealed for better conditions for those Indians already admitted which would enable him to tell malcontents that such had been remedied to give the hope that as those flaws of empire had been got rid of other matters causing disrepute were also susceptible to adjustment. He desired to establish an understanding between East and West in the interests of the two countries and of the Empire.

FROM PAGE ONE

Govt. reaches out to all OIC members

In addition, the government asked the HOMs to caution their hosts that "vested interests" that are against bilateral relations are "inciting" people and that India and the host country must "work together" against such "mischievous elements", without naming India's concerns about Pakistan.

In Islamabad on Tuesday, Pakistan Foreign Secretary Sohail Mehmood also met all OIC Ambassadors and "briefed them on the developments regarding the highly derogatory remarks by two senior officials of India's ruling party BJP", indicating that Pakistan intends to continue to pursue the issue. According to a number of officials *The Hindu* contacted, the MEA had gone into "damage control" mode on Saturday evening itself, when it was conveyed to Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu's accompanying entourage, as they were *en route* from Senegal, that the Vice-President's counterpart in Doha, the Deputy Emir of Qatar, would not be able to host him for the ceremonial banquet planned for Sunday due to "medical reasons".

The Qatari government explained that the Deputy Emir was isolating due to a suspected exposure to COVID-19, but did not suggest that he would depute someone in his absence to host the event, which suggested there was more to the decision.

In Doha, Venkaiah talks of inclusion

Qatar was the first country to officially take up the issue with New Delhi.

According to the text of his speech shared by the Vice-President's office, Mr. Naidu said, "Underlying our constitutional architecture is the firm foundation of 'inclusion', of leaving no one behind. It is the vision that finds an echo in the overarching philosophy of the present government, led by Prime Minister Modi that believes in *Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas*."

Without referring to any particular community or religion, Mr. Naidu said the Modi government cares for everyone. He cited the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, the free ration scheme that covers 80 crore ration card holders, as evidence to this end.

New rules allow retired officers to hold CDS post

The gazette notification of December 2019, before the appointment of the first CDS, did not specifically state that serving officers of Lieutenant General rank and equivalent are eligible to be considered.

CDS post approved

In December 2019, the government approved the creation of the post of CDS, who would also function as the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister and Permanent Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC).

In addition, the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) was created as the fifth department in the Ministry of Defence (MoD), with the CDS functioning as its Secretary.

Gen. Bipin Rawat, who had served as the 27th Army Chief from December 31, 2016 till December 31, 2019, took over as the first CDS on January 1, 2020. He, along with his wife Madhulika Rawat and 12 others, was killed in a chopper crash on December 8, 2021. The post of CDS has been lying vacant since then.

The age limit for the CDS's post is 65 years with no fixed tenure defined, unlike for the Service Chief which is three years of tenure or 62 years of age.

AQIS says it will carry out strikes in India

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Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) has issued a threat that its members will carry out attacks in India against the backdrop of the controversial statements regarding Prophet Muhammed made by two BJP leaders.

A statement purportedly by the AQIS has called for attacks in Delhi, Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat.

"In response to this affront, the hearts of Muslims all over the world are bleeding and are filled with feelings of revenge and retribution," the AQIS said.

The AQIS has drawn attention to the comments on the Prophet and his family members, and said that it will eliminate those who have insulted the Prophet and other figures that it considers holy.

India aims to join NSG: Minister

S. Jaishankar was speaking on foreign policy decisions of the government

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a message aimed at China blocking India's membership at the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on June 7 said that India looks forward to joining the NSG, overcoming "political impediments".

Mr. Jaishankar was addressing foreign diplomats in Delhi, on the foreign policy achievements of the Modi government in the past eight years.

"We want to make in India, but make with the world. India has a deep belief of the world being a family and expresses it through greater development. Last eight years has seen a tripling of our lines of credit commitments," Mr. Jaishankar said.

The 48-member NSG is an elite club of countries that deals with the trade in nuclear technology and fissile materials besides contributing to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

S. Jaishankar with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. China has been stridently opposing India's NSG bid. • PTI

"Strengthening a rules-based order is a natural inclination of a polity like India. We value all opportunities to contribute to it," he said.

Mr. Jaishankar said India's membership of the MTCR (Missile Technology Control Regime), Australia Group and the Wassenaar Arrangement are significant.

All these groupings are multilateral export control regimes.

Stating that "India is proof that democracies can deliver", the Minister said the country's neighbourhood first policy is "clearly associated with a generous and non reciprocal approach to our immediate proximities".

Mr. Jaishankar remarked that the Indian foreign policy has been displaying greater conceptual and operational clarity. "There has been a spike in our activities for the global south," he said.

"FTAs that India has concluded and negotiations on the way with others have picked up momentum," Mr. Jaishankar added.

Regarding COVID-19, the Union minister said that the pandemic has brought out "the overcentralised model of globalisation." China has been stridently opposing India's NSG bid primarily on the grounds that New Delhi is not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Its opposition has made India's entry into the group difficult as the NSG works on the principle of consensus.

"The India that you live in and report on is obviously different from the one before. It is a proof that democracies can deliver," he said.

(With PTI inputs)

Kanpur DM shunted, BJP leader held

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

The Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday transferred Kanpur District Magistrate (DM) Neha Sharma.

Harshit Srivastava, former Yuva Morcha district secretary, has been arrested for posting inflammatory content on social media platforms, Additional Director General of Police-Law and Order, Prashant Kumar, said.

Twelve others have been arrested in connection with the violence in the city, taking the total number of those held to 51, a senior official said.

A 16-year-old teenager walked into the Colonelganj Police Station and surrendered after his picture appeared on posters put up by police, DCP-East, Pramod Kumar, said.

(With inputs from PTI)

COVID-positive Sonia seeks time from ED

She was supposed to appear on June 8

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Congress president Sonia Gandhi's office has written to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seeking a fresh date to appear before the agency in the *National Herald* case as Ms. Gandhi has not yet tested negative for COVID-19, a party source said on Tuesday.

Ms. Gandhi's office has also attached the COVID-19 test reports of June 1 and 7 along with its request for a fresh date.

Ms. Gandhi was scheduled to appear before the ED on Wednesday while her son and former party chief, Rahul Gandhi, is to appear before the agency on June 13 in connection with a money laundering case involving the *National Herald*. The Congress chief, however, tested positive for COVID on June 2. She and her son have been summoned by the ED as it wants to record their statements under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The case to investigate alleged financial irregularities under the PMLA was registered about nine months ago after a trial court took cognisance of an Income Tax Department probe carried out on the criminal complaint filed by former BJP MP Subramanian Swamy.

Sonia Gandhi

Mr. Swamy had approached the court alleging that the assets of Associated Journals Ltd. (AJL), which published the *National Herald* newspaper, were fraudulently acquired and transferred to *Young Indian*, in which Ms. Gandhi and her son owned 38% shares each. *Young Indian* paid ₹50 lakh to the Congress for transferring the ₹90 crore debt to it. The Congress argued that *Young Indian* was a not-for-profit company so it can neither accumulate profits nor pay dividends to its shareholders.

(With PTI inputs)

Freeze on new IAS deputation rules

8 States opposed Centre's proposal to overcome acute shortage of civil servants

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NEW DELHI

As the Centre continues to face a shortage of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) officers, a proposal mooted last December to send them and Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officers on Central deputation without necessarily taking the State governments' approval appears to have been put in cold storage.

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) said in a Right to Information (RTI) response that a final view on the proposal is yet to be taken and it cannot disclose the information held in a "fiduciary relationship".

Multiple issues

The proposal was moved as the Union government is facing an acute shortage of All India Services – IAS, IPS and IFoS – officers, and despite existing provisions, the States are not sponsoring an adequate number of officers for Central deputation. In many cases, the officers are not willing to serve in the Union government.

According to the DoPT, only 10% of mid-level IAS officers were posted with the Union government in 2021, a sharp fall from 19% in 2014.

Only 10% of mid-level IAS officers were posted with the Union government in 2021. • GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

On May 13, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of 23 officers of the rank of Joint Secretary in various Ministries, out of which only six were IAS officers and one belonged to the IPS. The remaining belonged to other Central services such as the Indian Audit and Accounts Service, Indian Civil Accounts Service, Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers, Indian Post and Telecommunication Accounts and Finance Service, and Indian Ordnance Factories Service.

Till November 2021, 20 posts in the level of Joint Secretary were vacant in the Government of India (GOI). A Joint Secretary is the third highest-ranking officer in the GoI.

In 2021, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) recommended 31 candidates, mainly from the private sector, for appointment as Joint Secretary, Director and Deputy Secretary in various Union Ministries under the "lateral entry" programme. The last such lateral appointments were made in 2019, when nine candidates were selected. Two resigned later.

The DoPT asked the States to respond to its proposal to amend the IAS (Cadre) Rules, 1954 first on December 20, 2021. It sent reminders on December 27 and January 6 and further revised the proposal on January 12, empowering the Union government to relieve AIS officers and depute them to its offices even if the State governments disagreed.

So far, eight States – Odisha, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana – have opposed the move.

In response to queries by *The Hindu* under the RTI Act, 2005 on the response sent by the State governments, the DoPT said the comments were under examination.

"Comments have been sought from States, Union Territories in terms of the provisions contained in Section 3 of All India Services Act, 1951 on a proposal to amend Rule 6(1) of the Indian Administrative IAS (Cadre) Rules, 1954. The comments/inputs received from various State cadres/joint cadres and other stakeholders on the proposal are currently under examination, and a final view of the Government of India on the matter is yet to be taken," the DoPT said.

The reply added: "Therefore, information sought is held in fiduciary relationship and exempted disclosure in terms of Section 8 (1) e of the RTI Act, 2005."

The Section, which exempts a public authority from disclosing information, states: "Information available to a person in his fiduciary relationship, unless the competent authority is satisfied that the larger public interest warrants the disclosure of such information."

2 States, 1 panchayat: Kotia well placed

For the first time in 2021, Andhra Pradesh set up polling booths in Kotia villages and held direct panchayat elections in some villages. A year later in 2022, Odisha held elections to three-tier panchayati raj institutions in the same set of villages. On both occasions, hundreds of villagers, who possess two voter identity cards issued by Odisha and A.P., happily exercised their franchise.

The double bonanza is not confined to voting rights only. A significant size of tribal population in the Kotia panchayat avail subsidised food grain under the National Food Security Act from the two States. Eligible elderly population get old age pension separately from Odisha and A.P.; similarly, pension for widows, destitutes and differently-abled persons flow from two sources.

Faced with criticism of losing control over Kotia, the Odisha government has announced a special package of ₹150 crore for the forest region. About ₹120 crore of the fund has already spent on physical infrastructure in the Kotia panchayat. Not many panchayat headquarters in Odisha can boast of a community health centre, police station, bank, residential English medium school, separate hostels for students and a helipad.

A.P. is also investing heavily in social security schemes for Kotia villagers by deploying officials who have been assigned to personally deliver government benefits at their doorsteps. Recently, Andhra Pradesh carved out a new district called 'Manyam' from Parvatipuram, including disputed Kotia as its own.

Decades-old fight

In 1936, Odisha was the first state formed on linguistic basis in the country. According to *Koraput Gazetteer*, after formation of the province of Odisha, it had all along been having revenue, criminal and civil jurisdiction over Kotia.

The boundary dispute actually arose in March 1955 when some officers of AP government tried to collect rent from Kotia, which was a group of un-surveyed villages. Odisha protested the move. No solution emerged and the dispute lingered on. "When both the States prepared to conduct general election in the disputed villages in the year 1967, the then Home Minister Y.V. Chavan mediated between two CMs on September 12, 1968," says the *Gazetteer*.

As the matter remained unsolved, Odisha moved the Supreme Court in 1968. The SC has since then ordered maintaining the status quo. In Kotia GP, there are 28 villages.

Of these villages, 21 are disputed while seven are undisputedly Odisha villages.

EC to reach out to remote area voters

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Tuesday decided to set up a committee to improve the participation of migrant voters and reach out to electors in urban as well as remote areas. The commission, chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, discussed Mr. Kumar's recent trek to a remote polling station in Chamoli. Recognising the efforts of polling officials who travel up to three days in advance to the 440 remote polling stations, the EC decided to double the remuneration for such parties. It said that the Chief Electoral Officers of States and UTs would identify such polling stations.

The EC decided to work on new water and shock-proof backpacks to carry EVMs and VVPATs in difficult terrains.

Four militants killed in three operations in Kashmir

Sticky IEDs dropped by drones from Pak. seized, defused

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SRINAGAR

Four militants were killed in three back-to-back anti-militancy operations of the security forces in Kashmir valley in the past 24 hours.

Three sticky IEDs dropped by drones from across the border were seized and defused near the International Border (IB) in Jammu's Akhnoor Sector.

The police said an LeT militant was killed and three escaped during an encounter with the security forces in north Kashmir's Baramulla on Monday. The police identified the slain militant as Hanzalla from Lahore.

In a separate operation in Kupwara, two LeT militants were killed in a gunfight in the Chaktaras-Kadi area. "One of the two slain terrorists has been identified as Tufail, a Pakistani," IGP Vijay Kumar said. In Shopian, a militant was killed, the police said. Officials identified the militant as Nadeem Ahmad Rather, alias Kamran from Kulgam.

Against terrorism: BJP members staging a protest against Pakistan after three 'sticky bombs' were recovered. • PTI

Three IEDs were recovered near the International Border in Jammu's Akhnoor Sector. A BSF spokesman said alert troops fired two rounds on hearing a humming sound from an object about 800 metres in the air on Monday.

Two 'hybrid' militants and their two associates were arrested in south Kashmir's Shopian in connection with an IED blast that killed one soldier and injured three others on June 2 in Shopian's Sedow area.

ED seizes ₹2.8 cr. in cash, 1.8-kg gold

Delhi Minister's house searched

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The Enforcement Directorate has seized 133 gold coins weighing 1.8 kg and ₹2.85 crore in cash during the searches in connection with the money laundering case against Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain and others.

On Monday, the searches were conducted at the residence of Mr. Jain and his wife Poonam Jain, and on the premises of Ankush Jain, Vaibhav Jain, Naveen Jain and Siddharth Jain, directors of Ram Prakash Jewellers Private Limited; G.S. Matharoo, chairman of Lala Sher Singh Jivan Vigyan Trust, which runs Prudence Group of Schools; Yogesh Kumar Jain, director in Ram Prakash Jewellers; and father-in-law of Ankush Jain.

"Investigation revealed that one accomplice member of Lala Sher Singh Jivan Vigyan Trust had provided accommodation entries for the transfer of land from the company beneficially owned by Mr. Satyendar Jain to the family members of accomplices to alienate the property and to frustrate the process of confiscation," said the agency on Tuesday.

The probe is based on an FIR by the CBI in August 2017 against Mr. Satyendar Jain and others. In December 2018, the CBI filed a chargesheet against the accused alleging that Mr. Satyendar Jain, while holding the office as a Minister in the Delhi government from February 2015 to May 2017, acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act were invoked.

'Constructive approach key to India-Pak. ties'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock on Tuesday said that a constructive approach and confidence building measures between Pakistan and India were key to improvement of their ties.

Ms. Baerbock, who is in Pakistan on her maiden visit to the country, made the remarks here during a joint press conference along with her Pakistan counterpart Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

Responding to a question, Ms. Baerbock said she supported resolution of the Kashmir issue in accordance with the United Nations resolutions. She also welcomed the Line of Control ceasefire agreed upon in 2021 and stressed the need for both sides to reduce tensions. Mr. Bilawal said peace in South Asia was "contingent upon peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue."

The Minister said the international community must immediately take notice of the increasing incidents of alleged persecution of minorities and rising tide of Islamophobia in India.

He said Pakistan wanted peace, but it required a rational approach.

APPEAL

Name of Patient: **Praveen.S,** 14 years.
Hospital Name: Manipal Hospitals, Bangalore.
Diagnosis: Congenital Heart diseases S/p PA Banding done for CTGA, DILV severe PAH in 2008. Now suffering from Class III BOE Cyanosis has increased, Myxomatous AV Valves, moderate MR, severe PS-Trickle of Forward flow, confluent branch PAs LPA smaller than RPA. He requires to undergo Fenestrated Fontan / BDG surgery. The estimated cost of the surgery is **Rs. 6,00,000/-.**
We request kind hearted Philanthropists to save him. Kindly send donation by Cheque/D.D/M.O. favouring **Save Poor Lives** and on the back of Cheque write A/c Praveen S. **Our Account Details:** S/B Account No. 20000913487. State Bank of India, Raja Annamalaipuram Branch and IFSC CODE: SBIN0001855. You Can Donate through Google Pay No. **9884607377**, UPI ID: **savepoorlives@okabi**. All donations are exempted under 80G of I.T. ACT.
Contact: SAVE POOR LIVES REGISTERED PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST, (Admin Division), Flat No. A1, Ceebros Garden, Ground Floor, Old No. 76, Kamarajar Salai, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai-600028. **Ph: 044-42044165,** Mobile: **9884607377,** E-mail: **savepoorlives@gmail.com** Our website: **www.savepoorlives.com**

BTP to support Congress in RS election

Bharatiya Tribal Party leaders hold discussions with Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot in Udaipur

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

The Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP), which has two members from Dungarpur district in the Rajasthan Assembly, on Tuesday announced its support to the candidates fielded by the ruling Congress in the Rajya Sabha elections. The BTP took the decision after meeting Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in Udaipur, where Congress MLAs and Independents are staying at a resort.

After earlier announcing that it it would abstain from voting, the BTP had softened its stand two days ago by offering "conditional support" to the Congress.

The party, which wields considerable influence in the tribal-dominated regions of southern Rajasthan, had sought an assurance on its demands, including the dropping of cases against tribal youth in the Kakri-Doongri violence of 2020, and appointments to backlog vacancies.

Randeep Surjewala, Mukul Wasnik and Pramod Tiwari are the Congress nominees to the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan. • PTI

BTP MLAs Rajkumar Roat and Ram Prasad, accompanied by some tribal leaders, discussed several issues with Mr. Gehlot "in a positive atmosphere" and put forth their demands while agreeing to support the Congress candidates, said sources in the Chief Minister's Office. The two BTP legislators said they would stay at a place other than the resort till the June 10 polling.

Besides the MLAs representing Dungarpur's Chorasi and Sagwara seats, tribal leaders who met Mr. Gehlot included Kantibhai Adivasi, Manilal Garasiya and Mohanlal Roat.

The BTP, which was an ally of Congress, had in December 2020 severed ties with the ruling party and announced withdrawal of support to it over the issue of the latter blocking the election of a BTP-backed Independent candidate to the post of Zila Pramukh during the panchayat body polls.

With the BTP's latest decision, the Congress has reached a comfortable position after securing an assurance of support from the 13 Independent MLAs as well as six Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)-turned-Congress MLAs, who had earlier shown resentment, alleging that they were being ignored.

Meanwhile, the Congress on Tuesday wrote to the State's Chief Electoral Officer, Praveen Gupta, urging him to maintain vigilance in the run-up to the Rajya Sabha polls. Chief Whip and Minister Mahesh Joshi said the Election Department should keep a close watch on those involved in attempts at poaching and take strict action against them.

8 MLAs may cross-vote, claims Subhash Chandra

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAIPUR

BJP-backed Independent candidate Subhash Chandra on Tuesday claimed that eight Congress MLAs may vote for him in the Rajya Sabha polls, and asked former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot also to cross sides.

This would be an opportunity for Mr. Pilot to avenge his "humiliation", the media baron told reporters.

Sequestered MLAs being 'trained' on how to vote

Polling for Rajya Sabha seats has some specific rules

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

Congress MLAs from Rajasthan and Haryana, BJP MLAs from Rajasthan, and Shiv Sena MLAs in Mumbai are being sequestered in resorts ahead of the June 10 polling to Rajya Sabha seats to prevent any poaching from the other side, as elections for seats in at least four States – Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Haryana – will go down to the wire. What is equally interesting is that MLAs are also being "trained" on how to vote in these polls without getting disqualified.

Rajasthan BJP president Satish Poonia said that such a training was being imparted to party MLAs as many of them are first-timers.

One of the most interesting innovations in Rajya Sabha polling comes from an incident that happened as late as 2016, when during a closely fought contest in Haryana, a "rebellion" by Congress MLAs helped Independent candidate, media baron Subhash Chandra (in the poll fray from Rajasthan, this time), win. Indian National Lok Dal candidate, R. K. Anand, lost. Votes of at least 12 Congress MLAs were deemed invalid as they had been marked with pens not authorised for voting.

A furore broke out as the Congress and INLD demanded that the polls be countermanded. Following this controversy, the Election Commission made it mandatory for all voters to use only the pen provided by the polling officials, a special pen with violet ink, and ink of any other colour used on the ballot will be deemed as an invalid vote.

The other thing that parties are anxious to tell their MLAs while voting in the Rajya Sabha polls is the question of showing the vote before casting. In the same Rajya Sabha poll in Haryana, current AICC general secretary Randeep Surjewala's vote was deemed invalid as he showed his marked ballot to Kiran Choudhry. The Rajya Sabha has a system of a limited kind of open ballot. To subvert attempts at cross voting, in defiance of the party whip, each MLA has to show his/her marked ballot to the party's authorised agent before putting the vote into the ballot box. Showing the marked ballot to anyone other than the authorised agent would make the vote invalid.

MVA leaders give pep talk to MLAs

Uddhav, Pawar meet legislators in Mumbai

STAFF REPORTER
MUMBAI

In a scene reminiscent of 2019 when the Shiv Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress, along with smaller parties, displayed a show of strength to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, all the MLAs came together yet again on Tuesday evening to work for the victory of the sixth candidate of the ruling alliance in the Rajya Sabha election.

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, NCP chief Sharad Pawar and senior Congress leaders both from the State and the Centre briefed the MLAs on the importance of the June 10 election.

According to sources, the CPI(M)'s lone MLA Vinod Nikole too joined the meeting.

Interestingly, the Samajwadi Party with two MLAs on Tuesday asked the MVA what it had done for minorities since the time the alliance came to power. "I have written to the Chief Minister and expect a response from him," said SP MLA Abu Azmi.

Later in the day, Mr. Thackeray reportedly held talks with Mr. Azmi, but it was not clear whether the issues were resolved between the two.

At the meeting with the MLAs, Mr. Thackeray reportedly referred to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her resolve to counter the BJP.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar reportedly exhorted the MLAs to stand firm and united as MVA. "We are sure to win the election, all four seats. We have enough numbers and there shouldn't be any uncertainty about our victory," he said.

For the BJP, with its 106 MLAs and the support of six others (including four Independents), victory of two of its candidates is certain. The battle will be between the Sena's Sanjay Pawar and the BJP's Dhananjay Mahadik for the sixth seat. The NCP has already announced its intention to transfer its extra votes to Mr. Sanjay Pawar, the Sena's second candidate .

'BJP looking to rewrite Constitution'

P. Chidambaram says such a future must be prevented

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The BJP is trying very hard to get a two-thirds majority in the Rajya Sabha and if they achieve that, they will definitely rewrite the Constitution, former Union Minister P. Chidambaram claimed on Tuesday, warning that if such a situation comes to a pass, the country will not remain peaceful anymore.

Mr. Chidambaram was speaking at the end of the two-day brainstorming meet of the Tamil Nadu Congress in Mamallapuram to deliberate on the resolutions passed at the Udaipur *Chintan Shivir*.

"They already have two-thirds in the Lok Sabha. They are trying very hard for two-thirds majority in the Rajya Sabha. If they get that, they will definitely rewrite the Constitution. Once they do that, this country will not remain a peaceful country any more and will turn into a land of riots. We have to say this out loudly now itself, warn everyone. No point saying it after it happens. This has to be prevented," Mr. Chidambaram said.

P. Chidambaram

On the recent suspension of the BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and the Delhi media cell head Naveen Kumar Jindal, Mr. Chidambaram said these two were "only loudspeakers of their master's voice, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and others". "Was it these two who started this type of rhetoric? They are only tools, arrows. The bows are held by their masters," he said, while welcoming the action against them.

TNCC president K.S. Alagiri said the party would hold massive protests in various parts of the State from June 28 to July 1 against the BJP's actions and policies.

Compassionate appointments to be decided in 6 months: SC

'Making families wait for years unacceptable'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Government appointments on compassionate grounds to family members of employees who died in the harness should be made within six months from applying, the Supreme Court has said in a judgment.

A Bench led by Justice M.R. Shah said the very intention behind "compassionate appointments" is to render immediate help to families of dead government employees. Time is of essence. Making these families wait for years is hardly compassionate on the part of the government, it said.

"A family of a deceased employee may be placed in a position of financial hardship upon the untimely death of the employee while in service and the basis or policy is immediacy in rendering of financial assistance to the family of the deceased consequent upon his untimely death," Justice Shah explained. He referred to cases in which bereaved families in dire financial straits were made to wait for decades.

The judgment came in a case in which a man, who applied for a junior clerk's position on compassionate grounds in the Odisha government after the death of his father who was an excise inspector, was made to wait for more than five years even as the case travelled all the way up to the Supreme Court.

Former Punjab Minister held

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau in the wee hours of Tuesday arrested former Forest Minister and Congress leader Sadhu Singh Dharamsot for his alleged involvement in organised corruption, even as the Congress party termed the arrest an act of "political vendetta".

Former Forest Minister Sangat Singh Gilzian, who was a Minister for a few months in the previous Congress government, has been named in the FIR. The investigation is said to have revealed Mr. Dharamsot's alleged involvement in organised corruption pertaining to the issuance of permits for the cutting of *khair* trees, transfer of officials, purchases, and issuance of No Objection Certificates.

The VB also arrested Kamalpreet Singh Kamal, media adviser of the Minister, and Chamkaur Singh, a retired Range Officer and an Officer on Special Duty to the Minister, the statement added.

NOTICE INVITING BID
Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751001
Tel.:(0674) 2380950; Website: www.osmcl.nic.in ; Email: drugs-osmcl@gov.in
Bid Ref.No.: OSMCL/2022-23/DRUGS-DHS-GEN-RE-TENDER/12 Date:08/06/2022

Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for **Supply of Drugs & Medical Consumables (Re-Tender) as per the particulars mentioned below:**

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	08/06/2022, 3 PM	
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - **drugs-osmcl@gov.in**	13/06/2022, up to 5:00 PM	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		18/06/2022, 3 PM	07/07/2022, 6.00 PM
4.	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee of tender document	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		08/07/2022, 10 AM	15/07/2022, 11.00 AM
5.	Date & time of Online Technical bid Opening	15/07/2022, 11:30 AM	
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** . The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- **Managing Director, OSMC Ltd., Odisha**

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Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMC)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751 001
Tel.:(0674) 2380808; Website: www.osmcl.nic.in, Email: proc.osmcl.od@nic.in
Assuring Quality, Saving Lives
Notification No.3855/OSMCL/2022 Date : 07.06.2022

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF INSTRUMENT SETS FOR CARDIAC CARE HOSPITAL, JHARSUGUDA & MKCG, BERHAMPUR

Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for **supply, installation & commissioning of Equipments as per the particulars mentioned below:**

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1.	OSMCL/2022-23/EQP-CARDIAC CARE / 04	Supply of Instrument sets for Cardiac Care Hospital, Jharsuguda & MKCG, Berhampur	5,600/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	07.06.2022, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	17.06.2022, 12.30 PM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		20.06.2022, 3 PM	02.07.2022, 5 PM
4.	Date & time of online Technical Bid Opening	05.07.2022, 3 PM	
5.	Date of demonstration of Equipment (If required by the Tender Inviting Authority for some equipments)	To be informed to those bidders whose bids are found to be technically responsive based on documents furnished in technical bid.	
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** . The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

By the Order's of Managing Director, OSMCL
Sd/- GM Operations (Equipment), OSMCL

CAD-740

OIPR-10112/11/0014/2223

Directorate of Fisheries, Odisha, Cuttack
Government of Odisha

RFP No. 8 Date: 07.06.2022.

REQUEST FOR (PROPOSAL)

Implementation of Indigenous Vessel Tracking and Two-way MSS Communication System for Marine Fishing Crafts (Mechanized Boats) in EEZ including territorial waters of Odisha using ISRO Satellite Transponders

Directorate of Fisheries, Odisha, Cuttack, Govt. of Odisha invites sealed proposals from eligible bidders for **"Implementation of Indigenous Vessel Tracking and Two- way MSS Communication System for Marine Fishing Crafts (Mechanized Boats) in EEZ including territorial waters of Odisha using ISRO Satellite Transponders"**. Bidders fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria of the RFP can access and download the complete RFP Document and other details from **www.fishfedodisha.in**

The bid calendars under the end to end process are:

Sl.No.	List of Key Events	Critical Dates
1	Date of Issue of RFP	07.06.2022
2	Last date for submission of Pre-bid queries through email to director.odifish@gmail.com	18.06.2022, 6 PM
3	Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting through Virtual	20.06.2022, 12 PM
4	Last Date & item for Submission of Bid	12.07.2022, 2 PM
5	Date & time of Opening of Technical Bid	12.07.2022, 3 PM
6	Date & time of Technical Presentation	Will be intimated later
7	Date & time of Opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated later

The proposal complete in all respects must reach the undersigned by Speed Post Registered Post/Drop in the Tender Box only latest by **12th July-2022, 2 PM** in a sealed envelope clearly mentioning on the top of it **"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - "Implementation of Indigenous Vessel Tracking and Two-way MSS Communication System for Marine Fishing Crafts (Mechanized Boats) in EEZ including territorial waters of Odisha using ISRO Satellite Transponders"**. The proposals received beyond the last date and time will be rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any/ all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Director of Fisheries, Odisha, Cuttack

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
TNIAM PROJECT
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(One – Envelope Bidding Process without e-procurement)
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT
Bid Invitation No : 02/DB/DO.1/F.TNIAMP/2022/Dated : 02.06.2022

1. The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the TamilNadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward eligible payments under the contract for construction of works as detailed below.
2. Bidding will be conducted through national open competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the world Bank's "Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 Revised August 2018", ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all Bidders as defined in the procurement Regulations.
3. Bidders from India should, however, be registered with the Government of Tamilnadu Under class I (State level) or other state Governments/Government of India, or state/central Government Undertakings. Bidders form India, who are not registered as above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided they get themselves by the time of contract signing, if they become successful bidders.
4. The Water Resources Department, Government of Tamilnadu, For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem – 636 007, Tamil Nadu now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the construction of works detailed below in the table. Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address given below during office hours. Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the award of the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 3.14 and 3.15 of the "Procurement Regulations" setting forth the world Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
5. The bidding document may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders from the office of The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem- 636 007, Tamil Nadu from **9.06.2022** to **12.07.2022** upon payment of a non – refundable fee (three sets) as indicated in the table below, in the form of Demand Draft (DD) on any Scheduled / Nationalized bank payable at Mettur Dam in favour of **The Executive Engineer, WRD., Mettur Dam Division, Mettur Dam -1 Salem District, Tamil Nadu**. Bidding document requested by mail will be dispatched by courier/speed post on payment of an extra amount of Rs. 500/-. The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem – 636 007, Tamil Nadu will not be held responsible for the postal delay if any, in the delivery of the documents or non – receipt of the same. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** at free of cost. In such cases, the bidder is responsible for ensuring that any addenda on the website is also downloaded and incorporated.
6. Bids must be delivered to The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem – 636 007, Tamil Nadu on or before **3.00 P.M** on **13.07.2022** and will be publicly opened on the same day at **03.30 PM**, in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Late Bids will be rejected.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of the amount specified for the work in the table below, drawn in favour of The Executive Engineer, WRD., Mettur Dam Division, Mettur Dam-1, Salem District, Tamil Nadu. Bid Security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid.
8. A pre – bid meeting will be held on **21.06.2022** at **11.00 A.M.** at the office of The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem – 636 007, Tamil Nadu to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7.4 of 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to obtain the bidding document prior to the pre-bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under this contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting.
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding document.
10. The address for communication is as under;
    (a) **Name & Designation of officer** : **Er.R.Thiruvettaisellam, M.Tech, M.B.A., Superintending Engineer (i/C),**
    (b) **official Address** : **Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem-636 007, Tamil Nadu.**
    (c) **Email** : **uppercauvery@gmail.com**
    (d) **Telephone** : **0427 – 2413474**
    (e) **website** : **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**
    (f) **Fax** : **0427-2413364**

TABLE

Package No	Name of Work	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5
01/TNIAMP/WRD/MNC/Works/phase II/2019-20	ON FARM DEVELOPMENT WORKS FOR "Rehabilitation of Mettur West Canal From LS 13930m to 19685m in Ammapettai Block of Anthiyur taluk, Mettur East Bank Canal From LS 31400m to 45300m and Distributory at LS 23627m in Sankari and pallipalayam Block of Sankari and Komarapalayam taluk, 3 tanks in Kadayampatty Block and taluk, 1 tank in Kolathur Block of Mettur taluk, 1 tank in Mecheri Block and taluk, 1 tank in Edappadi Block and taluk, 3 tanks and 1 Anicut in Sankari Block and taluk of salem, Namakkal and Erode district in Mettur Noyyal Confluence sub Basin."	6,51,000/-	15000 + * 2700 (GST)	12 months **

*Inclusive of GST
**Including rainy season

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Superintending Engineer, W.R.D., (I/c)
Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem-7

IN BRIEF

Salman Khan records statement after threat

MUMBAI

The Mumbai police on Tuesday recorded the statement of actor Salman Khan and registered an FIR a day after he received a letter threatening him and his father Salim Khan. The anonymous note was found on Monday on a bench in Mumbai's Bandstand promenade. The letter read, "Salim Khan, Salman Khan, *Bahut Jald Aapko Moosewala Hoga* (Salim, Salman, very soon we will kill you like Moosewala)." Lawrence Bishnoi, accused in the Sidhu Moosewala shooting, told the police that he was not involved in the letter case.

'Institutions have role in transforming youth'

NEW DELHI

Institutions imparting higher learning have a major responsibility in transforming impressionable youth, President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday. "For this, we need to address their aspirations, as they are future leaders in various spheres of life," Mr. Kovind said. He said that digital technologies are expanding the boundaries of education and the key to achieving excellence is to harness its benefits.

Mr. Kovind said young citizens are not only the inheritors of the past but are also the ones who will be leading India into its next golden age.

Centre plans to bring 16 common drugs in OTC

NEW DELHI

Commonly used drugs for cough, cold, pain and skin irritation such as paracetamol, nasal decongestants and antifungals may soon be available without prescription as the Centre plans to list them under the over-the-counter (OTC) category. The Union Health Ministry has suggested amendments to the Drugs Rules, 1945, to bring 16 such medicines, for providing exemptions from requiring a doctor's prescription so that they can be sold over-the-counter by retail sellers with a valid licence. PTI

First lot of cheetahs to be brought to India soon

NEW DELHI

The first batch of cheetahs are expected to arrive in India's Kuno Palpur wildlife sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh by this August, according to senior officials in the Union Environment Ministry. The timing chimes with India celebrating 75 years of Independence. Five of these animals, extinct in India since the 1950s, are expected to be imported from South Africa and/or Namibia. Teams of wildlife experts from both countries are expected to be conducting site visits to Madhya Pradesh this month. The first year of the cheetahs' arrival will be a trial period.

Advisory Board on disability not reconstituted since 2020

It is to meet on June 24 to decide on Accessible India Campaign, says official

DAMINI NATH

NEW DELHI

The Central Advisory Board (CAB) on Disability, which is mandated to meet every six months under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, has not been reconstituted since the previous Board's three-year term ended in November 2020, something that has been flagged by activists.

On Monday, at a press conference to discuss the "achievements" of his Ministry during the eight years of the Narendra Modi regime, Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Virendra Kumar did not respond to a question about the targets of the Accessible India Campaign, whose deadline is set to end in June.

Instead, Anjali Bhawra, Secretary of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), replied that the CAB would hold a meeting on June 24 where the achievements of the Centre and the States would be discussed. She did not comment on whether the deadline would be extended. However, as on Tuesday, the CAB had not been reconstituted but the process was on, according to DEPwD officials who requested not to be named.

The Central Advisory Board must facilitate the evolution of a comprehensive policy on disabilities. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The government had appointed the CAB on November 8, 2017, naming government officials and nominated members.

The CAB, which has a three-year tenure, is supposed to function as the "national-level consultative and advisory body on disability matters", according to the Act. The panel is meant to "facilitate the continuous evolution of a comprehensive policy for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and the full enjoyment of rights", the Act says.

Satendra Singh, a physician and disability rights activist, said he had written to the Ministry in December 2021 and again in May this year reminding them about the reconstitution of the CAB. Dr. Singh said the only response he had received was the one informing him that his email had been forwarded to the officer concerned.

Need of the hour

"The CAB is the highest policy making body for disability issues. It was the need of the hour during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the government did not reconstitute it. It's strange to see the Ministry giving COVID as an excuse for non-constitution as the entire world switched to remote meetings as reasonable accommodation. The CAB is needed the most as we didn't have a permanent Chief Commissioner for PwD, Rehabilitation Council of India and National Trust chairpersons," Dr. Singh said.

Muralidharan, general secretary of the National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled, said the delay in reconstituting the CAB "revealed the lack of seriousness" on the part of the government.

"This government has been high on rhetoric and less on delivery. This has been more than exposed by the missing of targets year after year in the flagship Accessible India Campaign. Merely constituting the CAB is also not enough. It has to meet regularly and have meaningful discussions. In the current format, the CAB is heavily loaded by bureaucrats and officials and has very minuscule representation from people with disabilities and their organisations. In any case, it is the chosen few who will make it to the board," he said.

Air sports in the country to have an oversight body

Minister for Civil Aviation unveils national air sports policy

JAGRITI CHANDRA

NEW DELHI

For the first time in India, air sports such as paragliding or hot-air ballooning will come under a four-tier governance structure with the Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI) as the apex body which will oversee aspects such as regulation, certification, accidents and penalties.

Jyotiraditya Scindia, Minister for Civil Aviation, on Tuesday unveiled the national air sports policy. "Air sports is one area which has the ability to transform into a huge industry," he said.

He said that the air sports industry in the country was today worth ₹80-100 crore, with nearly 5,000 providers, which could grow 10 times in terms of revenue and yield 1 lakh direct jobs apart from a multiplier impact on the economy.

Floating fun: The air sports industry in the country is worth ₹80-100 crore. • NIVEDITA GANGULY

Four-tier structure

The policy lays down a four-tier governance structure with the ASFI at the top, followed by national associations for individual sports and their regional and district-level units.

The ASFI will be an autonomous body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) which will represent India at global platforms related to air sports such as the World Air Sports Federation and will also conduct competitions across the country through different national air sports associations.

The ASFI will provide governance over different aspects such as regulation, certification, competitions, awards and penalties, and will publish its draft guidelines within a period of six months. It will be chaired by the Secretary, MoCA, who will nominate up to three eminent experts related to air sports as members of the ASFI governing council.

Sports that will come within its ambit are aeromodelling, model rocketry, amateur-built and experimental aircraft, ballooning, drones, gliding, powered gliding, parachuting, paramotoring, powered aircraft and rotorcraft.

"Initially, these bodies will receive financial support from MoCA. It is a virtuous cycle, because once we have our teams participating in international events, more funds will flow in," said Amber Dubey, Joint Secretary (MoCA).

The government will also look at various incentives to encourage the sport such as reducing GST on air sports equipment from 18%-28% to 5% or less, Mr. Scindia said.

Rahul Gandhi meets family of slain singer

Will ensure justice is delivered, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHANDIGARH

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday hit out at the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab, blaming it for a complete breakdown of law and order in the State.

Mr. Gandhi met the family of slain Punjabi singer Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, known as Sidhu Moosewala, at their Moosa village residence in Mansa district to express condolences. He said the AAP government in Punjab was not capable of maintaining peace and calm in the State. The Congress, he added, would ensure that justice was delivered to Moosewala's family.

On May 29, Moosewala was shot dead by a few assailants at Jahawarke village, a day after his security cover was trimmed. He contested the 2022 Assembly election as the Congress candidate from the Mansa constituency.

After meeting the family members, Mr. Gandhi said on Twitter, "It is difficult to describe the grief that the parents of Congress leader Sidhu Moosewala*ji* are going through. It is our duty to give them justice, and we will do so."

Rahul Gandhi meets the family of the late Sidhu Moosewala in Mansa. • PTI

The daylight killing of Moosewala highlighted the problem of gangster-related crimes in Punjab, which have become increasingly bloody and frequent over time, putting the AAP government on the back foot surrounding the deteriorating law-and-order situation in the State.

Eight arrested

Meanwhile, the Punjab police said they had arrested eight persons for providing logistic support, conducting recce and harbouring the shooters of Moosewala.

The police have also identified four shooters involved in the crime.

Joint count of elephant and big cats

Survey will rely on robust scientific methods to count the animal population

JACOB KOSHY

NEW DELHI

The Union government will for the first time this year present a unified count of the tiger, leopard and elephant populations of the country, according to officials in the Union Environment Ministry.

The tiger survey is usually held once in four years and elephants are counted once in five years. According to the most recent 2018-19 survey, there are 2,967 tigers in India. According to the last count in 2017, there are 29,964 elephants.

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, on August 12, 2021 made public the population estimation protocol to be adopted in the all-India elephant and tiger population survey in 2022.

According to the last count in 2017, there are 29,964 elephants in India.

Elephant numbers would be estimated by States based on DNA analysis of their dung droppings and statistical techniques.

Tigers are counted by deploying camera traps, identifying individuals based on stripes, as well as statistical analysis.

Obsolete methods

Tiger scat and its DNA analysis is usually used only when camera traps are impractical to deploy say, in difficult terrain, said Y. Jhala, wildlife scientist at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, and an expert on wildcat surveys. Because elephants number more than tigers and are hard to tell apart from camera-trap images alone, it is more economical and feasible to use their dung for identification.

The 'head count' method, or one currently deployed to count elephants, was "obsolete" and frequently led to double-counting, he added.

"Resources, time and energy will be saved from having a common estimate. This is the first time that a robust scientific method based on statistical techniques will be implemented," said S.P. Yadav, Director of the National Tiger Conservation Authority.

'BHEL, LIC played key role in development'

Amit Shah lauds the Planning Commission

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) and the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) played a key role in the development of the country due to the far-sightedness of the Planning Commission, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday.

Mr. Shah said development would have derailed in the country if the Planning Commission, renamed NITI Aayog, was not there.

"We have seen the research-based development done by Planning Commission. When BHEL was envisioned, it would have been only to make electrical components. But today when we analyse its contribution, 91% of the factories use components made by BHEL. Imagine if BHEL was not there what could have happened," the Home Minister said.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the National Tribal Research Institute.

"When LIC was founded, it would have appeared that government has created just an insurance company but after 60 to 65 years when one looks back at the contribution made by LIC, we find that it provided social security to middle and lower middle class social society. Similarly, this NTRI will play a pivotal role in the development of tribal persons in the country," he said.

Left-wing extremism

He said the Narendra Modi government had brought down the number of districts affected by Left-wing extremism in the country by 70%. The Minister added that the Modi government had increased the budget for Eklavya residential schools to ₹1,418 crore this financial year from ₹278 crore.

Mumbai reports 1,242 COVID cases

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

MUMBAI

Mumbai on Tuesday reported 1,242 new coronavirus infections, almost double the previous day's count, but no pandemic-related death, the Brihanmumbai Mumbai Corporation (BMC) said.

The infection count was the highest since January 29, when the city reported 1,411 new cases and 11 fatalities. On Monday, India's financial capital had recorded 676 cases but no deaths.

Mumbai's tally of COVID-19 cases increased to 10,71,776, on Tuesday while the death toll remained unchanged at 19,569. As per the bulletin, a total of 17,145 tests were conducted since Monday evening. The tally of tests conducted in the city so far rose to 1,72,07,993.

With a significant increase in daily tests, the positivity rate (cases found per 100 tests) in the city dipped from 0.098% to 0.072% on Monday. The number of active cases rose to 5,974.

The caseload doubling period dipped to 986 days.

The overall growth rate of cases in Mumbai was 0.07% for the period between May 31 and June 6.

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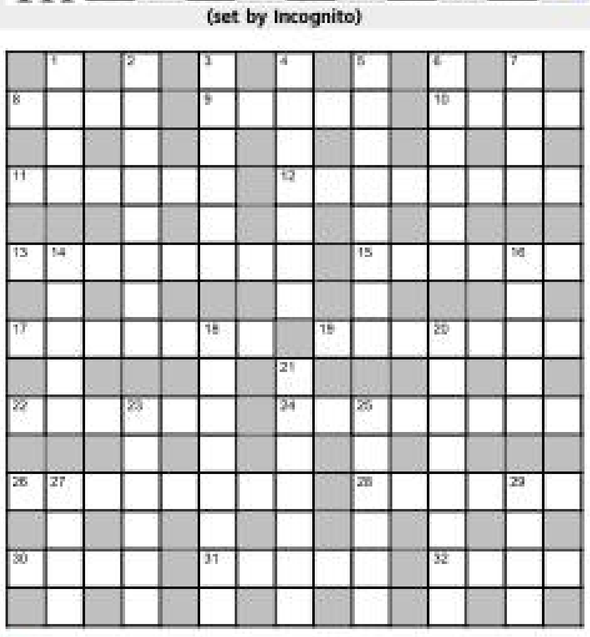

ACROSS

8 Brown king's place for skinny-dipping? (4)
9 Tall section of Cathedral of Tyre (5)
10 Keen leading lady retires (4)
11 Guy dropped with an exclamation of pain (6)
12 Illustrations from old maps redrawn to include ends of latitude (8)
13 Gambler Edward improved (8)
15 Poems on South American port (6)
17 Pseudonym one may use in prison? (3,4)
19 Setter gets gentlemanly title on return with assistance for legendary woman (7)
22 Woman with burnt remains cleans with water (6)
24 Shun road going around country (8)
26 Bury has a popular kind of cooking banana (8)
28 Exile sahib travelling around Norway (6)
30 Sink one's teeth into baron with crooked tie (4)
31 Remove all signs of Times Square finally (5)
32 Till university pot is distributed (2,2)

DOWN

1 Detest part of chateau (4)
2 King is wearing forged steel over supporting structure (8)
3 Less speedy owls fly before commencement of evening rain (6)
4 Hurts feelings when organising send-off (7)
5 Tree accountant planted in Mysore redevelopment (8)
6 Ms West consumes cooked pig and bird (6)
7 Prepared limeade without using ale to get a ten cent coin (4)
14 European men return before beginning of afternoon to get injection (5)
16 Rishi Valmiki's god (5)
18 Texts: "There's silver in dining rooms" (8)
20 No rum cocktail before flu is sorted out? Sad! (8)
21 English in China translated for Indian city (7)
23 Hamper female deer with queen (6)
25 Caught a couple of boys in den when returning (6)
27 Resting place of wild animal in Tiruvannamalai resort (4)
29 Location of South Indian tourism exhibition for starters (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13576

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The real and non-real

In the Devi Bhagavata Purana, it is shown that Goddess Devi is the Highest Primordial Force, whose power pervades all existence, endowing each and every aspect of creation with their functional and other abilities. By this, an important truth that there are only two basic 'vastus' in creation, which sastras explain as the 'real,' the chaitanya vastu and the 'non-real,' the jada vastu, constituted of Prakriti and the gunas is reinforced. This chaitanya swaroopa gets its power to engage in action and also experience the world only when it is associated with Prakriti and gunas, pointed out Sri K. Srinivasan in a discourse. On this basis, it is shown that Goddess Devi endows even the Trimurtis, Brahma, Vishnu and Siva, with their respective powers or shakti, Maha Saraswati, Maha Lakshmi and Maha Durga so that each of them is able engage in all their actions, not to mention their special tasks of srishti, stiti and samhara.

Also, all the incarnations are shown to be the result of Divine Sankalpa when Yoga Maya intervenes to restore dharma. In this purana, Vishnu explains that during these incarnations, He had enjoyed and suffered like human beings. This does not mean that He is also like us. His birth is not owing to any karma, past or present, as is the case with human beings. Factors such as Sankalpa and Maya are behind God's birth. Being a Sarvajna, He understands that these happenings and events are necessary. He is always aware of the differences between chaitanya swaroopa and the nature of Prakriti. He is able to come to terms with the demands of whatever avatar He takes. He subjects Himself to these conditions and remains a mere witness, even though He appears to suffer mental anguish. But it is not easy for us to attain that kind of viveka to transcend joy and sorrow.

Johnson presses on despite rebellion

After winning no-trust vote with support of 211 MPs against 148, British PM vows to get on with the job

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson lauded the loyalty of his Cabinet and vowed to "get on with the job" on Tuesday after surviving a confidence vote of his Conservative MPs that has still left him severely weakened.

The beleaguered leader has insisted that Monday evening's dramatic ballot, which saw 211 Tory party lawmakers support him remaining Prime Minister but 148 vote against, was a "conclusive" result.

"Thank you... everybody for all your good work yesterday, which was a very important day because we're able now to draw a line under the issues that our opponents want to talk about," he told his team of two dozen or so top Ministers and officials. "We're able to get on with talking about what I think the people in this country want us to, which is what we are doing to help them."

But most critics and commentators disagreed, arguing that Mr. Johnson's authority has been hugely undermined and his days in Downing Street are numbered.

The *Times* called him "a wounded victor" while his former employers at the *Daily Telegraph* branded it "a hollow victory that tears Tories apart".

The vote – just over two years after the Brexit architect won a landslide general election victory – was brought after a string of scandals that have left the Conservative party's standing in tatters.

Partygate scandal

Chief among them was the 'Partygate' controversy over lockdown-breaking events at Downing Street, which caused public outrage and saw him become the first serving U.K. Prime Minister to have broken the law.

Mr. Johnson, 57, needed the backing of 180 of the 359 Conservatives MPs to survive the vote. Defeat would have meant the end to his time as party leader and Prime Minister.

Under pressure: Boris Johnson during his weekly Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street on Tuesday. • AP

Most of Mr. Johnson's cabinet publicly backed him in the secret ballot.

But more than 40% of the parliamentary party – and almost certainly a majority of backbenchers – did not, setting up potentially tougher times ahead for the government in Parliament.

Under current party rules the Prime Minister cannot be challenged again for a year, which leaves little time for any new leader to emerge before the next general election due by 2024.

In previous Tory confidence ballots, Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May scored better than Mr. Johnson yet despite narrowly winning their votes, both ultimately resigned after deciding that their premierships were terminally damaged.

Mr. Johnson has steadfastly refused to resign over 'Partygate' and shows no sign of doing so now. "Today, I pledge to continue delivering... we are going to get on with the job," he said before the cabinet meeting.

His Tories have lost several once-safe seats in byelections and scored dismally in recent local elections.

They are expected to lose two upcoming byelections later this month, including one in a previously rock-solid Conservative constituency. The smaller opposition Liberal Democrats urged Tory rebels to resign from their party and sit as independents while Mr. Johnson remained leader. However, Conservative MPs who voted against him were highly unlikely to take up the suggestion and appeared to be biding their time.

Russia claims partial control of Severodonetsk

Donetsk confirms the death of another Russian General

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Russia on Tuesday reported its forces had taken full control of residential neighbourhoods in Ukraine's flashpoint city of Severodonetsk, after Kyiv said its troops were fighting on in the eastern hub despite being outnumbered.

"The residential areas of the city of Severodonetsk have been fully liberated," Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu told a Defence Ministry meeting. The Russian Army was still seeking to establish control over the city's "industrial zone and the nearest settlements", he added, amid conflicting reports of who is in control of what.

Moscow has been pushing for control of the strategic industrial hub as part of its bid to conquer a vast swathe of eastern Ukraine but Kyiv's forces have so far managed to hold out. "Our heroes are holding their positions in Severodonetsk. Fierce street fights continue in the city," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a video address late Monday.

Smoke rises following shelling in the city of Severodonetsk. • AFP

Mr. Zelensky warned Ukrainian forces in the key city were outnumbered and the Russians "are stronger". He was speaking to journalists after visiting frontline positions in Lysychansk, across the river from Severodonetsk.

Thousands of civilians have been killed and millions forced to flee their homes since President Vladimir Putin ordered Russian troops into Ukraine on February 24. Russia has concentrated its assault on the eastern Donbas region and had been making slow but steady progress.

Meanwhile, the leader of Ukraine's pro-Russian separatists in Donetsk, Denis Pushilin, on Tuesday confirmed the death of another Russian general in the fighting. Mr. Pushilin expressed on Telegram his "sincere condolences to the family and friends" of Major General Roman Kutuzov, "who showed by example how to serve the fatherland".

Hong Kong not becoming 'police state', says official

Amnesty International accuses authorities of 'harassment'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
HONG KONG

Hong Kong is not becoming a "police state", the city's top law enforcement officer said on Tuesday, days after his officers stamped out the city's once-permitted commemorations marking Beijing's deadly Tiananmen crackdown.

The Chinese business hub is preparing for an upcoming leadership change as well as the 25th anniversary of the city's handover from Britain, for which President Xi Jinping is widely expected to visit.

Speaking to local outlet about beefed-up security activity around the event, commissioner Raymond Siu Chak-yee rejected criticism that the police were becoming too powerful.

"A police state is where the government forcibly controls various aspects of people's life with administrative measures and without going through legal procedures," he said.

"Hong Kong is a society of rule of law, not a police state." His comments come after police arrested six people on Saturday as authorities pounced on any attempt to publicly remember China's 1989 crackdown on peaceful protesters.

Amnesty International has accused authorities of "harassment and indiscriminate targeting" for the arrests. Police closed the site of a once annual Tiananmen vigil and jam-packed the surrounding area, one of the busiest shopping districts in Hong Kong, with officers.

Since Beijing imposed a national security law on Hong Kong in 2020, authorities have cracked down on dissent.

China, Cambodia to begin port project

Phnom Penh denies reports that it will be used as a Chinese naval outpost

ASSOCIATED PRESS
PHNOM PENH

Cambodia denied again on Tuesday that it will allow any Chinese military presence at a port where it and China are beginning an expansion this week that has prompted concern in the United States and elsewhere that it will be used by Beijing as a naval outpost on the Gulf of Thailand.

Chief government spokesman Phay Siphan described the expansion of the Ream Naval Base as "cooperation between China and Cambodia" and said the Chinese ambassador to Cambodia will preside over the groundbreaking on Wednesday along with Cambodia's defense minister and other senior military officials.

A file photo of Cambodian warships docked at the Ream Naval Base in Sihanoukville, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. • AP

Strong accusation

He denied, however, a report in the *Washington Post* newspaper citing an anonymous Chinese official that the facility on the northern side of the Cambodian base would be used in part by the Chinese military.

Mr. Siphan said it would be a violation of Cambodia's Constitution to host a foreign military power. He would not comment on the extent of the Chinese involvement and said the project involved constructing a facility for repairing ships.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian on Tuesday said the work would be a "renovation" of the base which "aims to strengthen the Cambodian navy's capability to maintain maritime territorial integrity and combat maritime crime."

Ream faces the Gulf of Thailand, adjacent to the South China Sea, where China has aggressively asserted its claim to virtually the entire strategic waterway. The U.S. has refused to recognize China's sweeping claim and routinely conducts military manoeuvres there to reinforce that they are international waters.

U.S., allies fly jets over Korean waters

ASSOCIATED PRESS
SEOUL

The United States and its Asian allies flew dozens of fighter jets over waters surrounding the Korean Peninsula on Tuesday in a show of force as their diplomats discussed a coordinated response to a possibly imminent North Korean nuclear test.

The flights came as U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman travelled to Seoul for discussions with South Korea and Japanese officials over the threat, and warned of a "swift and forceful" counter-response if North Korea proceeds with the test.

Sri Lanka needs $6 bn to stay afloat: Ranil

PM says Colombo should find $3.3 bn for fuel, $900 mn for food for six months

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka must find $6 billion to keep the country afloat for the next six months, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said on Tuesday, as he outlined the government's plans to combat an unprecedented economic crisis.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa appointed Mr. Wickremesinghe as PM on May 12, days after Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned amid mounting protests by citizens demanding that the ruling clan quit office. After assuming charge, Mr. Wickremesinghe asked citizens to brace for the "most difficult months" of their lives.

Breaking down Sri Lanka's requirements for the coming months, Mr. Wickremesinghe told Parliament on Tuesday that the country must "somehow" find $3.3 billion for fuel, $250 million for gas, $900 million for food items for six months, and $600 million for fertilizer for a year. "In this context, we need $5 billion to ensure our daily lives are not disrupted for the next six months. We need to strengthen the [Sri Lankan] rupee in line with the daily requirements of the citizens. Another $1 billion is needed to strengthen the rupee. That means, we need to find $6 billion to keep the country afloat for the next six months," he told the House.

The next three weeks would be a particularly difficult time for sourcing fuel, Mr. Wickremesinghe said, calling for "unity and patience" while facing the acute shortages.

Shining the spotlight on the looming food crisis, he said: "We will have to face serious difficulties and shortages in terms of our diets," pointing to the impact of poor harvest on rice and other crops.

Sri Lanka's paddy production has fallen by half this year, consequent to President Gotabaya's sudden ban on chemical fertilizer last year.

Policy reversal

The policy was reversed in about six months following farmer protests and widespread criticism, but has, meanwhile, severely impacted the crop, leaving the government in a tough spot where it must import more food while scrambling for dollars. Further, Mr. Wickremesinghe pointed to a recent study by the World Food Program that found that 73% of the participating households had reduced their diet and food intake. "We will change that situation and strive to provide food without shortage as per this food security plan. We are working towards ensuring a three meal situation in the country," he said.

President Gotabaya has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured swift supply of essential fertilizers to Sri Lanka. The Cabinet on Monday cleared a proposal to obtain a $55 million loan from the Exim Bank of India for the purpose. The PM has also sought help from China and Japan.

Spain judge seeks to quiz Israeli CEO

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MADRID

A Spanish judge wants to visit Israel to quiz the CEO of an Israeli firm behind the Pegasus spyware over a hacking scandal involving the Spanish premier's phone, a court said Tuesday.

The plans were revealed by Spain's top criminal court as it lifted a gag order on its investigation into the tapping of mobile phones belonging to Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez and Defence Minister Margarita Robles using Pegasus spyware made by Israel's NSO Group.

The probe began after the government filed a complaint on May 2, with the investigating judge set to quiz a key minister in early July.

'India acted under pressure from the Gulf governments'

Awami League leader says New Delhi kept silence for days

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
DHAKA

The Government of India was prompted to take action on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders who made controversial remarks against the Prophet because of pressure from the Gulf countries, said a leading member of the ruling party of Bangladesh.

Interacting with a delegation of journalists here, Khandakar Golam Maula Nakshbandi of Bangladesh Awami League said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has zero tolerance for religious extremists and has acted quickly in the recent past to ensure communal harmony.

"Indian government waited for several days and did not take any action against those who made the derogatory comments about the holy Prophet. It was only after, the Gulf countries began to condemn the statements that they were prompted to take action and remove those spokespersons who were responsible for the comments," said Mr. Nakshbandi who is a member of the Advistory Committee of Bangladesh Awami League.

Mr. Nakshbandi, also a commentator, claimed the Government of Bangladesh acts promptly on cases where religious sensitivities are involved. "Last year, when we had communal violence in Comilla, our Government acted immediately and arrested the culprits. The damage was controlled," said Mr. Nakshbandi who hinted that the communal situations in India and Bangladesh are interlinked and violent elements in Bangladesh may try to take advantage if quick remedial measures are not taken in urgent cases.

He said, the Government of Bangladesh is studying the stream of global reactions that have been pouring in regarding the comments that were made during a televised programme and subsequently on social media, adding, "We have discussed it among ourselves and the Religion Minister will hold a round of discussion with us before we issue our official statement on this matter."

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
(Consulting Services – Individual Selection)

Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB), Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project financed by the World Bank. TNUHDB now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services for the below mentioned assignment for Project Monitoring Unit of TNUHDB under the World Bank financed Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project.

Selection of Individual Consultant:

(1) Urban Management Specialist (Affordable Housing)

The detailed REOI and Terms of Reference are available in the websites - www.tnscb.org and www.tenders.tn.gov.in. **The Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted for the assignment.** Last date and time for submission of EOI is **22.06.2022 up to 5:45 PM**. The EOI shall be sent to Superintending Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit - World Bank Project, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai – 600 005, Tamil Nadu, India. E-mail: *tnuhdbprocurement@gmail.com.*
Superintending Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit
DIPR/2678/TENDER/2022

MARKET WATCH

	07-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,107	-1.02
US Dollar	77.78	-0.15
Gold	50,733	-0.34
Brent oil	120.86	1.48

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	734.55	-6.70
Apollo Hosp	3609.30	-24.40
Asian Paints	2744.70	-72.75
Axis Bank	665.85	-6.35
Bajaj Auto	3834.10	17.10
Bajaj Finserv	12338.70	-177.70
Bajaj Finance	5878.60	-142.40
Bharti Airtel	685.30	2.35
BPCL	320.25	0.90
Britannia Ind	3383.45	-108.50
Cipla	972.75	-3.30
Coal India	197.55	2.70
Divis Lab	3501.25	1.60
Dr Reddys Lab	4143.95	-161.80
Eicher Motors	2647.90	-5.20
Grasim Ind	1326.65	-0.05
HCL Tech	1022.90	-14.40
HDFC	2259.50	-14.50
HDFC Bank	1362.60	-15.85
HDFC Life	605.30	-0.80
Hero MotoCorp	2570.85	30.10
Hindalco	404.20	-4.95
Hind Unilever	2211.60	-68.90
ICICI Bank	735.25	-11.50
Indusind Bank	923.70	-5.05
Infosys	1506.70	-21.35
ITC	273.90	-0.90
JSW Steel	572.10	-6.90
Kotak Bank	1858.15	-11.15
L&T	1589.45	-50.75
M&M	1042.55	6.60
Maruti Suzuki	7809.40	98.85
Nestle India Ltd.	16746.90	-250.00
NTPC	157.25	2.05
ONGC	161.85	7.90
PowerGrid Corp	225.00	0.20
Reliance Ind	2772.75	5.20
SBI Life	1134.30	-7.70
State Bank	463.40	-0.30
Shree Cement	19785.40	-217.30
Sun Pharma	848.25	-11.55
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	756.60	-7.05
Tata Motors	435.85	3.50
Tata Steel	1068.50	-9.60
TCS	3362.70	-68.25
Tech Mahindra	1130.30	-13.90
Titan	2100.80	-97.75
UltraTech Cement	5555.20	-26.15
UPL	746.20	-32.80
Wipro	467.65	-5.55

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 07

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.51	77.83
Euro	82.67	83.02
British Pound	96.81	97.22
Japanese Yen (100)	58.38	58.62
Chinese Yuan	11.62	11.67
Swiss Franc	79.36	79.70
Singapore Dollar	56.31	56.55
Canadian Dollar	61.54	61.82
Malaysian Ringitt	17.62	17.71
Australian Dollar	55.62	55.85

Source:Indian Bank

A.K. Choudhary takes charge as SBI's MD

MUMBAI

Alok Kumar Choudhary has taken charge as the new MD of State Bank of India (SBI) with effect from June 7, 2022. He was previously Deputy MD (Finance).

World Bank cuts India's FY23 GDP growth forecast to 7.5%

'Inflation, supply-chain issues, geopolitical tensions weakening services recovery'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON

The World Bank on Tuesday cut India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.5%, as rising inflation, supply-chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions dampen recovery.

This is the second time the World Bank has revised its GDP growth forecast for India in the current fiscal FY23. In April, it had trimmed the forecast from 8.7% to 8%. The latest estimate compares with the 8.7% expansion in FY22.

"In India, growth is forecast to edge down to 7.5% in the fiscal year 2022-23, with headwinds from rising inflation, supply-chain disruptions, and geopolitical tensions offsetting buoyancy in the recovery of services consumption from the pandemic," the World Bank said in the latest issue of the Global Economic Prospects report.

Faltering progress: The latest estimate reflects a cut of 1.2 percentage points from that made in January. • REUTERS

Growth, it said, would also be supported by fixed investment undertaken by the private sector and by the government, which has introduced incentives and reforms to improve the business climate. This forecast reflects a 1.2 percentage point downward revision of growth from the January projection, the bank added.

"Growth is expected to slow further to 7.1% in 2023-24 back towards its longer-run potential," it noted.

According to the report, growth in India slowed in the first half of 2022 as activity was disrupted both by a surge in COVID-19 cases, accompanied by more-targeted mobility restrictions and by the war in Ukraine. The recovery is facing headwinds from rising inflation, it said.

Retail investors helping offset impact of FPI outflows, says FM

'Small investors entering market with greater awareness'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday that India's growing flock of retail investors in the stock market has emerged as a 'shock absorber' amid an exodus of funds from foreign portfolio investors or FPIs.

The last eight months have seen a persistent decline in FPI exposures to Indian equities, with May 2022 recording an outflow of $5.7 billion, the highest since March 2020.

"If FPIs are going away and giving us the feeling that funds are going out of India, retail investors have come in a big way that they seem to act like the shock absorbers," Ms. Sitharaman said after inaugurating the iconic week celebrations of the Corporate Affairs Ministry.

Nirmala Sitharaman

"If FPIs went away, our market did not really have to go through ups and downs in a very distinct way, [that is] because the small investors have entered in a big way... they are coming into the market with greater awareness," she said, noting that the significant rise in retail investors' base occurred during the pandemic. Ms. Sitharaman urged regulators to pay adequate attention to the evolving challenges of a digital ecosystem. "You should... strengthen and make robust your firewall mechanism, or else the digitisation which made our life easy, can itself become the biggest handicap."

The Minister also unveiled a Single Nodal Agency Dashboard of the Public Financial Management System at a separate event, which Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan said had led to 'complete visibility of money reaching the end beneficiary'.

Monetising coal assets to net ₹75,220 cr.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Centre plans to monetise assets worth ₹75,220 crore in the coal mining sector in the current fiscal.

The monetisation of coal blocks is likely to generate revenue of ₹52,200 crore, followed by ₹20,320 crore from projects on the Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) model, ₹2,000 crore from discontinued mines and ₹700 crore from washeries, the Coal Ministry said in its plan for FY23.

The monetisation target of NITI Aayog for the Coal Ministry in FY23 is ₹6,060 crore. As per the National Monetisation Pipeline, 160 coal mining assets worth about ₹28,747 crore had been identified for monetisation during FY22-25.

Tax portal hits snag, govt. asks Infosys to fix glitch

'Users flag issues in logging in, search'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department's new-look tax return filing portal, developed by Infosys, again developed snags on Tuesday – a day that marked the first anniversary of its unveiling.

The portal, had for several weeks witnessed technical glitches after its introduction on June 7, 2021, and the snags resurfacing again prompted some to wonder if it had been hacked on the anniversary.

Many users complained that they were unable to log in into the portal, while some flagged malfunctioning of the search tool.

In a tweet, the Department said: "Issue relating to the search functionality of the e-filing website has come to our notice. The Income Tax Department is seized of the matter. @Infosys has been directed to look into it & @Infosys has confirmed that they are resolving the issue on priority".

Finance Ministry officials also assured users that there had been no data breach on the portal.

'Domestic air passenger traffic nears pre-pandemic level'

Higher fuel prices will weigh on airline profitability: ICRA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Domestic air passenger traffic has neared pre-pandemic levels with various airlines having ferried 1.14 crore air travellers last month compared with 1.22 crore in May 2019, according to rating agency ICRA.

The number of passengers who flew domestically was also higher in May by 5% compared with the previous month, and the total number of flights operated were up by 6% in the same period.

"For May 2022, the average daily departures were at 2,784, notably higher than the average daily departures of 894 in May 2021, and higher compared to 2,726 in April 2022," said Suprio Banerjee, vice president and sector head, ICRA. "The average number of passengers per flight during May 2022 was 132, against an average of 133 passengers per flight in April 2022 and lower than an average of 139 passengers per flight in May 2019," he added. Yields (or average revenue per passenger per mile) had also risen 18-20% over the past months.

Though there was near-normalcy in domestic airline operations, the overhang of another COVID-19 wave loomed large, and elevated aviation turbine fuel prices would continue to weigh on the profitability of Indian airlines, the agency said.

In FY23, overall passenger traffic is expected to reach 96-97% of pre-pandemic levels, said ICRA.

International passenger traffic had seen 'healthy' growth since international flights resumed fully on March 27 after a two-year ban, and reached 72% of the pre-COVID level last month.

Home loans to double in five years: Parekh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Demand for home loans will continue to remain robust and India should be able to double its home loans to about $600 billion in the next five years, HDFC Ltd. chairman Deepak Parekh said in a letter to shareholders.

"This would coincide with... India attaining its... goal of becoming a $5-trillion economy." He said despite the doubling of home loans, mortgage penetration would remain low at 13% of the GDP. For comparable Asian economies, the ratio is 20-30%, he said. "This implies that housing loans in India will have an exponential growth trajectory for decades to come," he added.

HDFC Bank raises lending rate by 35 bps

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MUMBAI

HDFC Bank on Tuesday announced a 35-basis point (bps) increase in its lending rate. The hike, which comes a day ahead of the RBI's scheduled policy review, is the second such move from the lender in as many months, taking the cumulative increase to up to 60 bps.

The Reserve Bank of India had surprised all with a 40 bps increase in key interest rates on May 4 to tame the inflation situation and is widely expected to follow up with further tightening of the policy on Wednesday. HDFC Bank increased its marginal cost of funding based lending rate by 35 bps effective June 7, as per the rate structure published on its website.

'Gencos have started coal import-related process'

CIL needs to step up production: Singh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Electricity generation companies (gencos) have started the process of importing coal for blending purposes, Union Power Minister R.K. Singh said on Tuesday.

The Power Mnistry had on May 18 warned that if orders for coal imports were not placed by May 31, 2022 and the imported fuel did not start arriving at power plants by June 15, the defaulter gencos would have to raise their imports to the extent of 15%.

If blending with domestic coal did not begin by June 15, the domestic allocation of the defaulter thermal power plants would be further reduced by 5%, the Ministry had said in a letter to State governments and gencos, including independent power producers (IPPs).

Replying to a question on the issue, the Minister said, "most of the States have started [the process], in fact every State has started."

Without sharing any figures, he said Coal India Limited (CIL) had ramped up production, but needed to increase it as the demand had gone up significantly.

"CIL increased their production but not to the extent that was required. So, our reserves started coming down from 24 MT (million tonne) on April 1, in the power plants, to 19 MT on April 13 to about 18.5 MT on May 31," Mr. Singh said in a press briefing. "It has again grown to now 20 MT," the Minister added.

Blow to Apple as EU goes with single charging port

'Type-C to be in place by autumn 2024'

REUTERS
BRUSSELS

Apple will have to change the connector on iPhones sold in Europe by 2024 after EU countries and lawmakers agreed on Tuesday to a single mobile charging port for mobile phones, tablets and cameras in a world first.

The political intervention came after companies failed to reach a common solution.

Brussels has been pushing for a single mobile charging port for more than a decade, prompted by complaints from iPhone and Android users about having to switch to different chargers for their devices.

iPhones are charged from a Lightning cable, while Android-based devices use USB-C connectors.

"By autumn 2024, USB Type-C will become the common charging port for all mobile phones, tablets and cameras in the EU," the European Parliament said in a statement.

Apple, which has warned the proposal would hurt innovation and create a mountain of electronic waste, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

'NINL bid win key to Tata Steel growth'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
RANCHI

Describing winning the bid for acquiring a majority stake in Odisha-based Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. (NINL) as 'crucial' for the company's growth trajectory, Tata Steel on Tuesday said it provided enablers to go well beyond the 40 mtpa target.

"The acquisition of NINL provides a significant opportunity for Tata Steel to not only restart the 1 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) steel plant expeditiously, but also begin work immediately to build a 4.5 mtpa state-of-the-art, long products complex in the next few years," a Tata Steel official told PTI. The company plans to further expand it to 10 mtpa by 2030, the official said.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE No. AD/SH-188/12/(Vol.III)/1306 Dtd.25.05.2022
Name of the work :- **"Providing Secretarial and other assistance for official works of Administrative Department"**. Estimated cost put to tender ₹ **3,30,20,323/-** (excluding GST @18% & Contractor's commission). The last date & time of submission of bid is **13.06.2022 upto 1700 Hrs.** For details please refer our website **www.paradipport.gov.in / https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**
Statistical & Research Officer, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/158/22-23 Dt.06.06.2022

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE No. AD/SH-188/12/(Vol.III)/1307 Dtd.25.05.2022
Name of the work :- **"Providing Hospitality services to Jawahar Guest House, Sector-21, Paradip and Paradip Port Guest House, Bhubaneswar"**. Estimated cost put to tender ₹ **2,40,57,499/-** (excluding GST @18% & Contractor's commission). The last date & time of submission of bid is **13.06.2022 upto 1700 Hrs.** For details please refer our website **www.paradipport.gov.in / https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**
Statistical & Research Officer, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/159/22-23 Dt.06.06.2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD-Dasarahalli Zone, BBMP, 9th Floor, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011.
No.EE/SWD/DH-Z/TEND/01/2022-23 Date: 07.06.2022
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System) (Call-2)
The Executive Engineer, SWD - Dasarahalli Zone, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the work detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Detailed Estimate for Excavation of earthen drain for Vulnerable length of storm water drains in Dasarahalli Zone.	58.06	1.16

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal. 2) Last date for submission of tender documents : **15.06.2022 upto 16:00 Hrs. 3)** Date of opening of technical bid: **17.06.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpdesk at : 080-22371090/22340060/22340948 or office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD - Dasarahalli Zone.
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Forest Department
Office of The Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Survey, Shivamogga
ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾಯೋಸಂಅ/ಎ2/ಕಾಂಪಾ/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಿಆರ್-21/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:04.06.2022.
Through e-procurement
e-Tenders are invited through e-procurement for implementation of the work of "Survey and Demarcation of Notified Forests by providing and Fixing RCC Pillars/Cairns" in notified forest areas of various zones of Sagar and Bhadravathi Divisions in Shivamogga Circle and Kundapura Division and Kudremukha Wild Life Division for the year 2022-23, 13 works for total approx. amount of Rs. Rs. 292.53 lakhs. Interested, eligible Forest Contractors can submit tenders within 4.00 PM on 20.06.2022. Can participate in the tender by confirming the details as published in the e-Administrative Center or in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in For more information this office can be contacted during office hours on Phone No.: 08182-250785.
Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests and Technical Assistant to Conservator of Forests Working Plan and Survey, Shivamogga.
DIPR/smg/No.41/06/mca/22-23/363

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
TENDER NOTICE No. TBM-SG-CN-2022-23-02-OT
Dated: 04.06.2022
(TWO PACKET SYSTEM)
For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Tambaram invites e-tender for the following works:
Name of the Work: Provision of Electronic Interlocking Signalling arrangements (Both Indoor & Outdoor) at Chennai Egmore station in connection with laying of fourth line between Chennai Egmore and Chennai Beach Junction on Chennai Division;
Cash value in : ₹ **18,48,45,567.45**; Bid Security (EMD) : ₹ **10,74,200/-**; Last Date and time of submission of e-Tender through IREPS site: **27.06.2022 upto 11:00 hrs.**; Cost of Tender Document: ₹ **NIL**; Period of Completion in month(s): **Nine (9).**
Tenderers can view full details of tender and submit their offer at the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** of Indian Railways. The supply / work is subject to GST rules applicable from time to time.
Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Construction / Tambaram, Chennai-600 045.
Follow us on twitter.com/GMSRailway

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is herewith notified that our Clients intend to purchase the Schedule-A and B Properties from Mrs. Bhagirathi and Mr. Anjappa, Mr. Ambrish, Ms. Amaraprabha and Ms. Amaravani, legal heirs of Mrs. Parvathamma Bangalore. Objections/claims, if any to the intending sale transaction of the Schedule Property, by any person/s may be lodged with the undersigned along with copies of the supporting documents/evidences within a period of **TEN days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our Clients shall proceed with the transaction to purchase the Schedule Property from the said person and our Clients shall not be bound by any objections/claims submitted / raised later.
SCHEDULE-A
All that piece & parcel of Property bearing site No. 890, PID No. 82-01-890 Binnamangala- I stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 63 Ft and bounded on the: **EAST BY :** Remaining property in site No. 890/1, **WEST BY :** Property in site No. 889, **NORTH BY :** Property No. 893, **SOUTH BY:** Road.
SCHEDULE-B
All that piece & parcel of Property bearing site No. 890/1, PID No. 82-01-890/1 Binnamangala- I stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 63 Ft and bounded on the: **EAST BY :** Property No.891, **WEST BY:** Remaining property in site No. 890. **NORTH BY:** Property No. 893 **SOUTH BY :** Road.
Mahendra Gowda.C.R
Mahendra & Associates
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Mob: 99002 10875

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General public are hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners **(i) SRI. SUBBA RAO .N.V. (ii) SRI. RAVISHANKAR .N.V and (iii) SRI. RAMESH .N.V** sons of late Sri. Venkataramaiah .N, all are residing at No.2499, 26th Cross, 22nd Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 070. The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule property and have good marketable, right, title and interest therein.
Apart from the above owners, if any person has any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule property or any part thereof, the same shall be filed with the undersigned with supporting documents, within **14 (fourteen) days** from the date of this Notice. Objections and or the claims received after expiry of the stipulated time will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed with the sale transaction.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential property bearing **Municipal No.1/1 (part of BDA Site No.159), PID No.59-59-1/1**, measuring East to West 12 feet 8 inches and North to South 40 feet 2.5 inches, situated at **27th Cross Road, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru**, within the limits of BBMP Ward No.167 and bounded as follows:
East by : Property bearing No.158;
West by : Remaining portion of Property bearing No.159 (Municipal No.1)
North by : Remaining portion of Property bearing No.159 (Municipal No.1)
South by : 27th Cross Road
Sd/- **Bayya Reddy. M**
For **ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP**
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp. Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070.

University of Agricultural Sciences
Estate Office, GKVK, Bengaluru-560 065.
No. EO/SPO/e-Proc/124/2022-23 Date: 03-06-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)
The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per the Standard tender document KG-1 & KG-2, from the reputed firms for the procurement of the following equipments/Sheeps. Sl No. 1 to 15. The details of the KG-1 & KG-2, Tender Notification, Schedule, Specifications are available in the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The cost of the Tender document is as per e-procurement portal NORMS. The EMD shall be paid using e-procurement payment modes.
Blank Tender Documents can be down loaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Last date and time for uploading the tender on 22-06-2022 up to 4.00 p.m. The Technical bid for item No. (15) Will be opened on 24-06-2022 at 10.30 a.m. The Financial bid for item No. (1 to 14) will be opened on 24-06-2022 at 10.30 a.m. The Financial bid for item No. (15) will be opened on 27-06-2022 at 10.30 a.m.** in the Tender Committee room of Estate Office. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS Website: **www.uasbangalore.edu.in.** Help Desk- **91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 hphelpdesk.blr@intervo.com.** The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.
Sl. No. 15 will be Under two cover system and conditions for two cover systems is also uploaded in the website.
DIPR/CP/RO796/AAPL/2022-23
Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER

Hardik brings depth to the side, says Dravid

It's about ensuring we get the best out of him as a cricketer, feels the India head coach

SA IN INDIA

RAKESH RAO
NEW DELHI

Rahul Dravid is known to speak his mind, interspersed with carefully worded assessments and watchfully weighed expectations.

On Tuesday, during the first press conference of the post-pandemic times at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground, the Indian coach fielded questions on various aspects of the team ahead of the five-match T20 series against South Africa beginning here on Thursday. *Excerpts:*

On Hardik Pandya's return: Hardik, when he's fit, is a fantastic cricketer. We've seen that for India in the past. He's been very successful in white-ball cricket. He's shown really good form in the IPL as well. Very pleased to have someone of his quality to pick from.

At this point of time, a good thing from our perspective is that he has started bowling again. You know what that does for us; what depth that brings to our side. It's about ensuring we get the best out of him as a cricketer.

On Dinesh Kartik: With Dinesh it's pretty obvious and pretty clear. He's made a comeback based on the skills that has shown in a particular phase of the game.

At the back end, Dinesh has really been able to show skills over the last two or three years. We'll pick him for that kind of position and see whether he can replicate those kinds of performances for India as well.

On the expectations from the top-three batters: Our top three is quality. Slightly different top-three in this particular series, but what we're looking for is positive starts, weighing what the situation and the wicket demands of it. If it's a high-scoring game and we expect a lot of runs scored, then we want people to maintain that level of strike-rate all the way through.

Sometimes, the situation might be more challenging, you might lose a few early wickets, you need to adapt and be able to respond to that as well.

On having Umran Malik in the mix: He was exciting [in the IPL]. Certainly bowled quick. The other exciting thing in the IPL for me was – watching from the outside – a number of Indian guys bowling really fast.

As a coach of all three formats of the game, I would love to see that translated into the longer formats of the game, as well. I was watching Umran yesterday in the nets, you can see he's got that pace.

Action mode: The Indians at a training session ahead of the T20I series against South Africa which begins on Thursday. • R.V. MOORTHY

Understand my game a lot better: Miller

Says it helps him handle pressure

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The intensity is still the same as it was more than a decade ago, when he made his debut, but what has changed for David Miller is his ability to "understand the game a lot better" and handle pressure with consummate ease.

"Scoring the amount of runs I did, closing out couple of games is something I looked forward to before the start of the IPL.

"Batting in the middle-order, you do want to finish off games. So it was nice to tick that box," Miller said on the eve of South Africa's five-match T20I series against India.

"I wouldn't say I have done anything different. Being around long time now, one grows and matures in role I play for so many years, I understand my game a lot better," he said.

Miller. • FILE PHOTO

"I still get nervous and go through negative thoughts but I can deal with that pressure a lot better."

Bopanna and Shapovalov advance

SPORTS BUREAU

Rohan Bopanna and Denis Shapovalov outplayed Jonathan Erlich and Aslan Karatsev 6-4, 6-0 in the first round of the €769,645 ATP tournament in Stuttgart on Tuesday.

Other results: First round: $25,000 ITF men, Chiang Rai, Thailand: Congsup Congcar (Tha) & Shintaro Imai (Jpn) bt Paras Dahiya & Faisal Qamar 6-2, 7-6(4). **Women:** Karman Kaur Thandi bt Haruka Kaji (Jpn) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. **Doubles:** Momoko Kobori (Jpn) & Luksika Kumkhum (Tha) bt Ankita Raina & Karman Kaur Thandi 7-5, 6-1; Anastasiia Poplavska (Ukr) & Riya Bhatia bt Chompoothip Jundakate & Tamachan Momkoonthod (Tha) 4-6, 6-1, [12-10]; Erika Sema (Jpn) & Rutuja Bhosale bt Humera Baharmus & Vaidehi Chaudhari 6-2, 6-3. **$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia:** Quentin Folliot (Fra) bt Rishab Agarwal 6-4, 7-6 (4); **Doubles:** Alexander Crnokrak & Matthew Dellavedova (Aus) bt Maximus Jones (Tha) & Karan Singh 6-3, 6-3. **$15,000 ITF men, Tay Ninh, Vietnam:** Tsung-Hao Huang (Tpe) bt Ishaque Eqbal 6-4, 6-1; S.D. Prajwal Dev bt Wishaya Trongcharoenchaikul (Tha) 7-5, 6-4; Aaron Addison (Aus) bt Nishant Dabas 6-1, 6-3. **Doubles:** Minh Tuan Pham & Linh Giang Trinh (Vie) bt Ishaque Eqbal & Digvijay Pratap Singh 6-3, 6-3.

Hazlewood and Starc set up big win for Aussies

AUS IN SL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Josh Hazlewood ran through the Sri Lanka line-up as the hosts were bundled out for 128 in the first T20I against Australia on Tuesday.

Hazlewood took three wickets in the 14th over and triggered Sri Lanka's middle-order batting collapse. The in-form pacer finished with an impressive four for 16 in four overs, taking the wickets of Danushka Gunathilaka (26), Kusal Mendis (1), Bhanuka Rajapaksa (0) and captain Dasun Shanaka (0).

Hazlewood was well supported by new ball partner Mitchell Starc, who removed opener Pathum Nissanka for 36 off 31 balls before cleaning up the hosts' lower-order to finish with three for 26 in four overs.

Riding on openers David Warner and Aaron Finch's unbeaten half-centuries, Australia eased to 134 for no loss in 14 overs.

Warner hit nine fours in his unbeaten 44-ball 70 while Finch finished with a 40-ball 61 not out with four fours and four sixes.

Earlier, Sri Lanka's top three batters gave the hosts a slow but steady start and took the team to 100 for two in the first 12 overs.

Hazlewood. • AP

None of the top three – Nissanka, Gunathilaka and Asalanka – was able to stick around to provide the final kick on a slow, rain-hit outfield.

Sri Lanka lost Asalanka and Chamika Karunaratne to run outs.

The scores: Sri Lanka 128 in 19.3 overs (Pathum Nissanka 36, Charith Asalanka 38, Mitchell Starc 3/26, Josh Hazlewood 4/16) lost to Australia 134/0 in 14 overs (Aaron Finch 61 n.o., David Warner 70 n.o.).

Diya replaces Archana in CWG team

The selectors retain the men's squad

RAKESH RAO
NEW DELHI

The National selectors made a course correction and replaced Archana Kamath with Diya Chitale in the Indian women's team for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham next month.

The selectors, however, retained the men's team where Manush Shah was kept away. Like Diya, Manush, too, has challenged the team selection.

In response to CoA's letter (May 31) where it sought the SAI's approval for Archana's selection, SAI quoted from a letter of January 18, 2018, by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and reminded the CoA that "selection of sportspersons in major international events shall be the responsibility of the NSF concerned and the Government. SAI will not have direct involvement in the selection process, except to ensure that it is fair and transparent."

The CoA has now said: "Archana did not fare well in the 83rd senior Nationals at Shillong in singles. The pair of Manika Batra and Archana did not deem it fit to even play in the open doubles there, and that questions their commitment to doubles events.

"There would be no justification in ignoring the probability that she (Diya) would give a good account for the country. The selectors and coaches are in agreement with the Committee on this aspect."

Back in the swing: Diya has found a favourable response from the selectors. • FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

Anand gets past Anish, but Carlsen in lead

Brilliant display by the Norwegian

SPORTS BUREAU

Viswanathan Anand prevailed over Anish Giri by drawing with black pieces in their Armageddon game before Magnus Carlsen produced a brilliant display to beat Shakhriyar Mamedyarov to snatch the lead after six rounds of 2022 Norway Chess at Stavanger on Monday.

With Carlsen's victory coming in the classical game and fetching him three points, to Anand's 1.5, the top-seeded Norwegian raised his tally to 12.5 points from a maximum of 19. Anand slipped to second place with 11.5 points from 20. Anand and Anish drew their classical game in 35 moves following repetition of moves.

In the Armageddon game, Anand stayed in complete control with black pieces and accepted a draw in a winning position in their 45-move clash.

Asked to comment on Anand, Anish said, "He was slowing down... and now he's going backwards. He's speeding up! He plays very fast and relies on calculation and preparation, and it's a way to play, just to play very quickly... it's one of the more unpleasant styles to face."

Carlsen. • FILE PHOTO

Carlsen, who reached a classical live rating of 2780 and traded places with Anand on the points table in spite of losing to the 52-year-old Indian, said, "He's very impressive, but I hope to be ahead of him in the standings at the end!"

The results: Sixth round: Anish Giri (Ned, 8/20) drew with Viswanathan Anand (11.5/20); Armageddon: Anish drew with Anand; (Anand adjudged winner); Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 12.5/19) bt Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze, 8.5/20); Wesley So (USA, 10/20.5) drew with Aryan Tari (Nor, 7/20); Armageddon: So bt Tari; Wang Hao (Chn, 4/20) drew with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 8.5/20); Vachier won Armageddon.

Torch relay ahead of Olympiad

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI

The 44th Chess Olympiad, to be held in July-August in Mahabalipuram, near here, will mark the introduction of an Olympic-style torch relay that will be held before every edition, FIDE announced on Tuesday.

Such a relay will always begin from India – the 'birthplace' of chess – and will travel across all continents before reaching the host city.

However, due to paucity of time, this year's relay will only be held in India.

"50 days to go for Chennai Olympiad. Do watch, cheer and join me at the Olympiad Torch Relay," tweeted Viswanathan Anand.

The dates and routes of the torch relay will be announced after consultation with the government, FIDE and other stakeholders, Olympiad event director Bharat Singh Chauhan said in a press release.

Tiyana wins air pistol

Shining bright: Palak, champion Tiyana and Shikha with the air pistol medals. • KAMESH SRINIVASAN

KIYG

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

Tiyana Phogat handled the climax with remarkable calm as she beat Junior World Cup gold medallist Palak Ghulia 16-6 for the air pistol gold in the Khelo India Youth Games at the Dr. Karni Singh Range on Tuesday.

With another international shooter Shikha Narwal bagging the bronze, it was celebration time for host Haryana, especially for coach Rakesh Thakur who has been training all the three at his academy.

After qualifying in the seventh place with a modest 565, as against Palak's top effort of 576, Tiyana was consistent right through the second stage and the gold medal match.

"I didn't expect the gold. It was my first final. I wanted to perform my best. Was not thinking about the result," said Tiyana, a 10th standard student of DAV School in Gurugram.

PTI adds from New Delhi/Panchkula:

Andaman and Nicobar's Celestina Chelobroy clinched her third cycling gold of the Games while Sanyukta Kale swept all five gold medals on offer in rhythmic gymnastics, her clean sweep helping Maharashtra (24 gold, 22 silver, 17 bronze) climb to the top of the table displacing Haryana (23G, 20S, 29B).

Sadanand Kumar of Jharkhand was crowned the fastest boy, winning the 100m in 10.63s while Maharashtra's Sudeshna Shivankar dominated the girls' 100m event, clocking 11.79s.

Haryana's rising badminton star Unnati Hooda battled back from the brink to win the girls' title, beating Tasnim Mir 9-21, 23-21, 21-12 in a 47-minute contest.

Maharashtra's Darshan Pujari clinched the boys' badminton singles gold, beating S. Rithvik Sanjeevi of Tamil Nadu 21-15, 22-20.

Avani shoots gold, books Paris ticket

She also breaks her own world record

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Tokyo Paralympics champion Avani Lekhara won gold at the Para shooting World Cup with a world record score of 250.6 in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 in Chateauroux, France, on Tuesday.

The SH1 category is for athletes with lower limb impairment for competition in rifle events.

The 20-year-old shooter broke her own world record of 249.6 to secure her a spot at the 2024 Paris Paralympics. Poland's Emilia Babska bagged the silver medal with 247.6, while the bronze went to Anna Normann of Sweden who shot 225.6.

Avani won the top prize three days after being on the verge of missing the tournament as her coach and escort were initially denied visas. However, the issue was resolved after the intervention of the Sports Authority of India and Sports Ministry.

'Big thank you'

"Proud to bring home the gold in the 10m air rifle SH1 event with a world record score and India's first Paris 2024 quota. A big thank you to everyone who has supported me," Avani tweeted.

In August last year, Avani clinched a gold in the 10m air rifle standing event in the SH1 category at the Tokyo Paralympics.

She followed it up with a bronze in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1 event, making her the first Indian woman to win multiple medals at the Paralympics.

Back with a bang: Avani had a lot to cheer about on her return to competition. • FILE PHOTO

India favourite against Cambodia

Stimac wants the team to play aggressively to seal a berth

ASIAN CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

The Indian senior men's football team will be looking to accomplish a record of making successive appearances in the final stage of the continental competition, AFC Asian Cup, as it plays host to the decisive leg of the qualifiers (group D) at the Salt Lake Stadium. The first round of the group league action starting on Wednesday will see India starting favourite against South East Asian neighbour Cambodia while the other match of the day will be pitting the remaining two sides in the group - Afghanistan and Hong Kong.

The Indian aspirations hinge on the confidence of it being the highest ranked team (currently at 106) among the four contenders in the group. This will be backed by a huge home support as the organisers indicated a sell-out crowd of more than 50,000 for the first round of action. "We are expecting the fans to come in numbers, to support the national team in the best way possible. Our intent is to press from the start, and play at high intensity. We need to control the game and prove that we are the favourites. I have to say we are ready for that," the Indian head coach Igor Stimac set the tone for the upcoming action. India previously played the final stage of the Asian Cup in 2019 but could not progress beyond the group stage.

Let's do it! Coach Stimac gives a pep talk to a player on the eve of the Cambodia match. • PTI

Good mix

The Indian squad this time is a mix of youth and experience selected on the basis of performances assessed in the recently concluded Indian Super League. The Indian challenge will be led by its long-standing captain Sunil Chhetri, who will be hoping to make this his third qualification to the final stage in little over a decade. The 37-year-old striker, who has won an incomparable 126 caps for the country, is expected to inspire the side that has names like Sandesh Jhingan, Pritam Kotal, Subhasish Bose, Akash Mishra in defence, Jeakson Singh, Liston Colaco, Udanta Singh, Anirudh Thapain the midfield and Ishan Pandita and Manvir Singh in the attack. Rahul Bheke, a regular choice in the backline, will be missing the first round owing to injury. "In our current state we are the favourites of this group, we are in a good position and I hope we can qualify," Stimac said.

Cambodia (currently ranked 171), which has the Japan and AC Milan star Keisuke Honda as the general manager, is hoping to surprise the host.

Croatia holds France at home

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SPLIT (CROATIA)

Andrej Kramaric scored a late penalty as Croatia salvaged a 1-1 draw at home to World champion France on Monday that left both teams still chasing a first win in the Nations League.

On a night Luka Modric earned his 150th cap for Croatia, French coach Didier Deschamps handed a number of fringe players the chance to make an impression before the World Cup in November.

Juventus midfielder Adrien Rabiot fired France ahead on 52 minutes but Croatia equalised seven minutes from time when Kramaric won and converted a spot-kick.

In League B, Group 2, Icelandic midfielder Jon Dagur Thorsteinsson salvaged a draw against Albania.

The results:

League A, Group 1: Croatia 1 (Kramaric 83-pen) drew with France 1 (Rabiot 52); Austria 1 (Schlager 67) lost to Denmark 2 (Hojbjerg 28, Stryger 84).

League B, Group 2: Iceland 1 (Thorsteinsson 49) drew with Albania 1 (Seferi 30).

League C, Group 3: Slovakia 0 lost to Kazakhstan 1 (Darabayev 26); Belarus 0 drew with Azerbaijan 0.

League D, Group 1: Andorra 0 drew with Moldova 0; Latvia 1 (Zjuzins 73) bt Liechtenstein 0.

Day of fluctuating fortunes for Karnataka

Restricts U.P. to a paltry 155 before its batters come undone in second innings

RANJI TROPHY

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

Karnataka slipped from a comfortable position to land in a spot of bother at the end of the second day of its Ranji Trophy quarterfinal clash against Uttar Pradesh at Alur ground here on Tuesday.

After dismissing Uttar Pradesh for a paltry 155 to gain a handy first-innings lead of 98, Karnataka looked in control. A batting collapse, however, allowed Uttar Pradesh back into the contest. Karnataka stuttered to 100 for eight in the second essay, and holds on overall lead of 198 runs.

Hit-man: More exults after dismissing Juyal, one of his three victims. • R. RAGU

Wickets galore

No less than 21 wickets fell on a frenetic day of thrills and spills, even if the pitch held no demons. The Karnataka bowling attack, comprising Ronit More (3/47), V. Vyshak (2/29), Vidhwath Kaverappa (2/19), and K. Gowtham (2/43), gave the home team the early advantage.

More and Vyshak were outstanding with the new ball, keeping the ball full and shaping it away. Vyshak struck in the first ball he bowled, getting Samarth Singh (0) to edge one to the wicketkeeper. More sent Aryan Juyal (5) back with a beauty that straightened after pitching on off stump.

Uttar Pradesh relied heavily on Priyam Garg (39) and Rinku Singh (33), but both batters failed to make big scores. Garg was unlucky to get an inside edge onto his pads, leading the ball to pop back to More for a caught-and-bowled. Rinku failed to get on top of a short ball from Gowtham, the extra bounce leading to a soft cut shot to point.

Tailenders Shivam Mavi (32, 35b, 3x4, 1x6), Yash Dayal (13) and last man Ankit Rajpoot (18) made contributions.

Vidwath Kaverappa, who like Vyshak was playing his second First-Class match, impressed with a tidy spell. From wide of the crease, Kaverappa got the ball to hold its line and rattle Prince Yadav's stumps.

Top-order flops

Karnataka was shunted out of the driver's seat, courtesy a horror show from the top-order. Mayank Agarwal rushed down the track and nicked spinner Saurabh Kumar, while Karun Nair again perished playing away from the body.

Captain Manish Pandey inexplicably attempted a quick single to Karan Sharma at cover, but a direct hit found him well short. K.V. Siddharth was beaten all ends up by an inswinger from Ankit Rajpoot.

Shreyas Gopal, K. Gowtham and V. Vyshak fell in the last five overs before close of play. The visitor left the field on a high, as Vyshak was trapped leg-before by Saurabh in the last ball of the day.

The scores:

Karnataka — 1st innings: R. Samarth c Prince b Saurabh 57, Mayank Agarwal c Jurel b Mavi 10, Karun Nair b Mavi 29, K.V. Siddharth b Mavi 37, Manish Pandey c Jurel b Saurabh 27, Srinivas Sharath c Juyal b Saurabh 0, Shreyas Gopal (not out) 56, K. Gowtham c Rinku b Saurabh 12, V. Vyshak c Jurel b Rajpoot 12, Ronit More b Dayal 6, Vidhwath Kaverappa c Singh b Dayal 4; Extras (lb-1, nb-1, w-1): 3; Total (in 84 overs): 253.

Fall of wickets: 1-57, 2-95, 3-97, 4-160, 5-160, 6-182, 7-199, 8-214, 9-243.

U.P. bowling: Dayal 15-4-43-2, Rajpoot 14-2-42-1, Mavi 14-4-60-3, Saurabh 32-7-73-4, Prince 4-0-15-0, Karan 5-0-19-0.

Uttar Pradesh — 1st innings: Aryan Juyal c Sharath b More 5, Samarth Singh c Sharath b Vyshak 0, Priyam Garg c & b More 39, Karan Sharma c Sharath b Vyshak 2, Rinku Singh c Nair b Gowtham 33, Dhruv Jurel c Sharath b More 9, Prince Yadav b Kaverappa 0, Saurabh Kumar c Sharath b Gowtham 0, Shivam Mavi c Nair b Gopal 32, Yash Dayal c Mayank b Kaverappa 13, Ankit Rajpoot (not out) 18; Extras (lb-3, nb-1): 4; Total (in 37.3 overs): 155.

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-10, 3-34, 4-76, 5-86, 6-92, 7-92, 8-92, 9-111.

Karnataka bowling: More 12-1-47-3, Vyshak 8-1-29-2, Kaverappa 7-3-19-2, Gowtham 8-1-43-2, Shreyas 2.3-0-14-1.

Karnataka — 2nd innings: R. Samarth b Prince 11, Mayank Agarwal c Jurel b Saurabh 22, Karun Nair c Rinku b Rajpoot 10, K.V. Siddharth b Rajpoot 15, Manish Pandey run out 4, Shreyas Gopal c Juyal b Saurabh 3, Srinivas Sharath (batting) 10, K. Gowtham c Jurel b Shivam Mavi 1, V. Vyshak lbw b Saurabh Kumar 5; Extras (b-8, lb-9, nb-2): 19; Total (for eight wkts. in 34 overs): 100.

Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-35, 3-67, 4-71, 5-77, 6-84, 7-95, 8-100.

U.P. bowling: Dayal 6-0-25-0, Rajpoot 8-2-15-2, Prince 4-2-6-1, Saurabh 14-4-32-3, Mavi 2-0-5-1.

Highest scores on First Class debut (Indians)

- 341 - Sakibul Gani (Bihar vs Mizoram, Kolkata, 2021-22)
- 267* - Ajay Rohera (MP vs Hyderabad, Indore, 2018-19)
- 260 - Amol Muzumdar (Mumbai vs Haryana, Faridabad, 1993-94)
- **252 - Suved Parkar (Mumbai vs Uttarakhand, Bengaluru, 2021-22)**
- 233 - Arslan Khan (Chandigarh vs Arunachal, Chandigarh, 2019-20)
- 230 - G.R. Viswanath (Mysore vs Andhra, Vijayawada, 1967-68)
- 228 - Mayank Raghav (Manipur vs Nagaland, Sovima, 2018-19)
- 219 - Pawan Shah (Maharashtra vs Assam, Rohtak, 2021-22)
- 213 - Jiwanjot Singh (Punjab vs Hyderabad, Mohali, 2012-13)
- 209* - Anshuman Pandey (MP vs UP, Bhilai, 1995-96)
- 202 - Abhishek Gupta (Punjab vs HP, Dharamshala, 2017-18)
- 201 - Manprit Juneja (Gujarat vs TN, Ahmedabad, 2011-12)

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Rajvir, Ashwin help Bangalore Occasionals take first innings lead

Rajvir Wadhwa (106 n.o.) and Ashwin Santosh (82) combined to secure Bangalore Occasionals the first innings lead over Vijaya CC in a drawn KSCA (Group I) second division league.

The scores:

Wilson Garden CC 376/6 in 90 overs (Srujan Nandan 147, M. Arsalaan 94, S. Abhinav 31, Shezan Khan 38 n.o.) drew with Jawans CC 204/4 in 37.5 overs (M.B. Shivam 78, S.H. Swaroop 65 n.o., Vishwanath Daivik 3/47). **Wilson Garden and Jawans: 2 pts each.**

Jawahar SC (1) 432 in 90 overs (S.U. Karthik 60, Amod S.Kaluve 157, S. Chaitanya 115, K. Hoysala 33, R. Kushal Gowda 3/80, Docca Amogh 3/98) drew with Jawahar SC (2) 326 in 79 overs (K. Rakshith 71, Faizan Khan 42, R. Ajith 59, Adithya Nair 3/46, Sourab Muttur 5/63). **Jawahar SC (1) 3, Jawahar SC (2) 1.**

Coles CC 377/6 decl. in 83 overs (Raajoo Bhatkal 174, Hardik Raj 114 n.o., Somashekar 32 n.o.,, H.N. Puneeth 3/42) drew with Herons CC 274/8 in 90 overs (Suhasa Adiga 27, Nithin Naidu 27, S.P. Arjun 107 n.o., Aevant P.Kothari 42, Monish Reddy 3/59). **Coles 3, Herons 1.**

Vijaya CC 286 in 87 overs (Thippa Reddy 84, P. Dhruv 61, Prakar Chaturvedi 51, Arjun Nair 30, T.N. Varun Rao 4/68, G.D. Naman 3/76) drew with Bangalore Occasionals 319/9 in 85.4 overs (Niranjan 32, Ashwin Santosh 82, Rajvir Wadhwa 106 n.o., T.N. Varun Rao 25). **Bangalore Occasionals 3, Vijaya 1.**

Bangalore SC 176 in 56.1 overs (Ayudh Sharma 39, Anupam 61, Rajendra S. Danganavar 4/62) drew with Friends Union CC (2) 148/7 in 39 overs (V.L. Suraj 30, K.V. Chethan 4/33). **Bangalore SC 2, Friends Union 2.**

The Bangalore Cricketers 206/6 in 61 overs (Nithish Gowda 34, D. Bharath 79, Manjunath 54 n.o., Santosh Kumar Bharadwaj 3/16) drew with Jupiter CA. **Bangalore Cricketers 2, Jupiter CA 2.**

Toufeeq does the star turn for Ametek Instruments

S. Toufeeq starred for Ametek Instruments India Pvt. Ltd with an all-round effort (3/52 & 34) as it beat BHEL EDN SC by three wickets in the KSCA (Group II) third division league.

The scores:

Advocate Association CC 239 in 40.3 overs (Manu Shresth 79, Yeshwanth 75, Tejas Muralidhara 30, T.M. Nagarjun 5/13) bt ITI SC 232 in 47.1 overs (Harshil 83, K. Adithyan 67).

ISAC URSC CC 252 in 47.4 overs (Anoop Shukla 59, H. Amogh 3/25) lost to SWR Central Workshop Ashokpuram, Mysore 253/7 in 44.4 overs (R.G. Varun 79, K. Manjunath 30, N. Lingesh 43 n.o., C. Sharath 29 n.o., Pratheesh Premdas 3/41).

NAL Staff Club 317/9 in 50 overs (V. Naveen 53, J.D. Praveen Kumar 37, K.R. Umesh 57, N. Mahesha 32, K. Raghavendra 27 n.o., B.S. Ramesh 3/24) bt Bangalore Dairy SC 55 in 19.1 overs (B. Venu 25, Raghavendra 3/9, M.R. Sunil 5/23).

BHEL EDN SC 143 in 31 overs (Sandeep Madhavasetty 4/28, S. Toufeeq 3/52) lost to Ametek Instruments India Pvt. Ltd 145/7 in 23.5 overs (S. Toufeeq 34, S. Velmurugan 32).

Keerthi and Mahesh help Dooravani Cricketers (1) win

M. Keerthi (110) and B.M. Mahesh Patel (5/56) starred for Dooravani Cricketers (1) in its 23-run win over Engrades CC in the KSCA (Group I) third division league tournament.

The scores:

Hammonds CC 258/9 in 50 overs (Dhanush Subramanya 50, Sharana Basava 32, N.G. Kushal 70, K. Nagendra 35, Prajwal Krishna 3/34) bt Neptune CC 207 in 47.3 overs (Rishab Jain 28, Rayan Ahmed 68 n.o., Arvind 3/31).

Jolly Cricketers 103 in 35.2 overs (A.S. Nikhil 27, Shivam Shukla 3/26) lost to Malleswaram Gymkhana 107/3 in 17.2 overs (Aman Raj 42, Gyan Somaiah 55).

Visweswarapuram CC (1) 158 in 39.2 overs (R. Madhusudan 45, Nanda 33, D.H. Sunil Kumar 5/20) lost to Visweswarapuram CC (2) 159/9 in 43.3 overs (A.P. Bhaveesh 47, Ram Sarikh 4/29, Pranesh Desai 3/32).

Dooravani Cricketers (1) 215 in 48.4 overs (M. Keerthi 110, M. Jayasurya 28, S. K. Rathod 4/38) bt Engrades CC 192 in 44.4 overs (Gnane 31, Karna Surya Vamshi 63, B.M. Mahesh Patel 5/56).

Cavaliers CC 153/9 in 34 overs (M.H. Uday 38, Dheeraj Somaiah 57) bt Century Cricketers 128 in 31.2 overs (N. Bharath 42, C.K. Akshay 27, Shubham Panday 3/16) [Match revised to 34 overs per side because of wet outfield].

Hanumanthanagar CC 273 in 48.1 overs (P.S. Vikram 79, Puneeth S.Pai 96, H.K. Vishwanath 3/81) bt RVCE 199 in 43.2 overs (H.K. Vishwanath

RANJI SCORES

Bengal 577/5 in 178 overs (Abhishek Raman 61, Abhimanyu Easwaran 65, Sudip Kumar Gharami 186, Anustup Majumdar 117, Manoj Tiwary 54 batting, Abishek Porel 68) vs. Jharkhand.

Mumbai 647/8 decl. in 166.4 overs (Armaan Jaffer 60, Suved Parkar 252, Sarfaraz Khan 153, Shams Mulani 59) vs. Uttarakhand 39/2 in 11 overs.

Karnataka 253 in 84 overs (R. Samarth 57, Shreyas Gopal 56 n.o., Saurabh Kumar 4/73) & 100/8 in 34 overs vs. Uttar Pradesh 155 in 37.3 overs.

Punjab 219 vs. Madhya Pradesh 238/2 in 99 overs (Himanshu Mantri 89, Shubham Sharma 102 batting).

IN BRIEF

Narrow win for Blitz FC

BENGALURU

AGORC FC defeated Blitz FC 1-0 in the BDFA A-division football league on Wednesday.

The results: A-div: AGORC FC 1 (Rithik Kumar Sinha 77-og) bt Blitz FC 0; Parikram FC 1 (J. Rithath 53) bt South United FC 0; B-div: Royals FC 1 (Md. Anas 34) bt Goans FC 0.

Catholic Club posts win

Catholic Club defeated Century Club-C 757-564 in a Group-C match of the Chandra Bhatia inter-club snooker championship.

Other results: Group-A: Bangalore Club 648 bt Malleshwaram Association 642; **Group-B:** Century Club-A 726 bt Cosmopolitan Club 658; **Group-D:** Century Club-B 748 bt BEL Officers Club 642.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
KIYG 2022: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Pakistan vs West Indies: 1st ODI, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 4.30 p.m.
Sri Lanka vs Australia: 2nd T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 7 p.m.
AFC Asian Cup qualifiers: India vs Cambodia, Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 8.30 p.m.
FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 p.m. & 12 a.m. (Thursday)
UEFA Nations League: Sony Ten 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

The nightmare that was Indian fielding, and how Pataudi changed it

BETWEEN WICKETS

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On a tour of Pakistan, Lala Amarnath, who was there as a media expert introduced me to Gul Mohammed, who had played eight times for India before migrating to Pakistan and playing there. "Greatest fielder," said Amarnath in the manner he was famous for, leaving it to the listener to fill in the details.

In the years that Indian fielders dropped catches merrily and often let the ball slip through to the boundary, it was not difficult to earn that sobriquet. Perhaps there was one adequate fielder in every generation, and he automatically qualified as the greatest.

I didn't tell Amarnath that, of course. I was young, on my first full tour and there was something about Amarnath – India's first Test centurion and first captain of independent India – that kept such responses in check.

In India's first-ever Test at Lord's, Lall Singh, probably the only Test cricketer to be born in Malaysia, ran out Frank Woolley to reduce England to 19 for three on the first morning. In later years, Vinoo Mankad was a fine fielder off his own bowling, and Hemu Adhikari earned a reputation as a top class cover point. But it wasn't until Tiger Pataudi – among the greatest cover points in the game – that India began to pay attention to this aspect of the game.

"He was doing in the 1960s what modern fielders do as a matter of course now," according to Sunil Gavaskar. In South Africa, Colin Bland, who many consider the greatest cover fielder ever, told me that Pataudi might have been better than Jonty Rhodes "because his anticipation was superior".

"I am fanatical in my demands for keen fielding," Pataudi wrote. He told his team in England, "Although I want to see a smart turnout when we leave the pavilion, once the match starts I want to see a lot of grubby knees...if it takes four or five days to get your flannels cleaned, blame the laundries. I am prepared to put up with a scruffy looking team, but I will never permit scruffy fielding."

The philosophy percolated down. Pataudi's boys Ajit Wadekar, Eknath Solkar, Abid Ali, Venkatraghavan, Sunil Gavaskar all played key roles as fielders in India's maiden series wins in the West Indies and England, although he was no longer captain by then.

Fielding and fitness began to be taken seriously by a team that had got off on the wrong foot thanks to the attitude of the Maharajahs who played the key roles in the early years and probably believed that running was beneath them. They were perhaps irritated too by the fact they couldn't ask their retinue of servants to do the job instead.

The cricket historian Edward Docker summed up the early Indian approach thus: "The deep field couldn't be relied upon to walk in with the bowler. Fieldsmen failed to anticipate the ball. Or overran it. Or used their feet to stop it. The catching was poor, the throwing abominable..."

Writing in the 1940s, the journalist Berry Sarbadhikary said, "Although homilies on the need for first-class fielding are indulged in freely by men in authority, it is the same persons who take the least notice of fielding ability when it comes to the actual selection..."

Watching Ravindra Jadeja, Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane, Virat Kohli chase everything and catch everything today, it might be difficult to believe that India began as a team that chased reluctantly and caught by accident.

Emergence of fielding stars

Pataudi's example and attitude changed all that. Brijesh Patel, who began his first class career in 1969-70 was still cutting off boundaries and cover drives nearly two decades later by which time India's finest all round fielder had emerged. This was Mohammad Azharuddin, as spectacular in the slips as he was in the outfield, his lithe form adding grace to his movements.

By then Kapil Dev had already exhibited his natural athleticism – he was a superb catcher at gully, but was needed to patrol the outfield where his casual throws to the top of the stumps were a treat.

India's stock grew in white ball cricket, and a bunch of fielders helped make that happen: Yuvraj Singh, Suresh Raina, Mohammed Kaif.

Today it is no longer necessary to 'hide' a fielder, as India were once forced to do when players were important for one or two of three skills, or when they were chosen for reasons other than cricket.

The flat-footed was stationed in the slips with the prayer that no snick would go to him; or at mid-on hoping that an on-drive might fortuitously be stopped by a boot or a knee.

The story of Indian fielding is the evolution from ten passengers (usually) in a team to none at all. The Maharajkumar of Vizianagaram, who led on a tour of England, would not recognise this team.